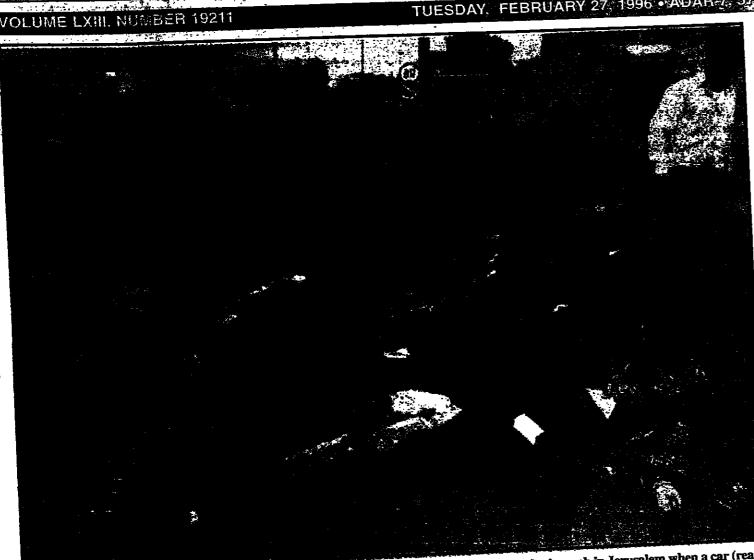
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A soldier and bystander apply mouth-to-mouth resuscitation to a woman injured in yesterday's crash in Jerusalem when a car (rear) driven by an Arab-American jumped a curb and crashed into a crowd. The driver's body lies at left.

2 killed, 22 injured in J'lem crash

Police unsure if Arab-American driver deliberately drove into crowd

POLICE had still not determined by late last night if the Arab-American shot dead after he drove into a crowd at a Jerusalem bits stop yesterday - killing a woman and injuring 22 - did so intentionally or by accident.

Several acopie in the crowd, and apparently also soldiers and policemen at the scene, opened fire and killed Californian Ahmed Abdul Hamideb, 37, thinking he

was a terrorist, police said. after the French Hill interchange on Ramaliah Road that also serves as an army hitchhiking post, was pronounced dead at the scene by Magen David Adom medics. Here name was not released as of last

Police brass and municipal leaders said the situation was tense in the capital following Sunday's suicide bombing, making it that much more difficult to determine exactly what happened at the

interchange. Fourteen people, all of them BILL HUTMAN and HERB KEINON

rushed to Hadassah-University Hospital, Mount Scopus, just a few minutes away. A hospital spokesman said that most of them suffered injuries 10 their arms and legs. One person was admitted with gunshot wounds.

For the second day in a row, the press rushed to the hospital and clamored around the beds of the

injured for an eyewitness account. Molly Emanuel, from a moshav near Jerusalem, said that she was waiting for a ride to Ofra, where she is doing her national service. "I was standing there," she said, and saw somebody signal. I thought he was stopping, but then he stepped on the gas. He went up

on the sidewalk and into us."

'Anyone might have done the same

THE three civilians who opened fire at the driver of the car were brought in for questioning by police, and later released. The three are all yeshiva students in their early 20s.

"Anyone at the scene might have acted similarly." Jerusalem police chief Arye Amit said. "We should not judge their actions until the

reported, said the situation was sensitive in the capital following

They had the natural initial reaction to seeing a car with an Arab driver drive through a crowd and injure 18 people," he said. Bill Hutman

investigation is completed." Mayor Ehud Olmert, who rushed to the scene after the "attack" was

Sunday's suicide bombing, putting many residents on edge. "People [who opened fire] did not react hysterically," Olmert said.

Emanuel, who suffered a cracked knee, said she did not

hear any shots fired from the car. "I saw a dark car driving along the curb in our direction really fast, and thought to myself, 'even if he's going to Shilo, I'm not going to get in, because he's such a bad driver, "said Batya Medad. "All of a sudden he made a

quick turn to the right, and drove up onto the curb, running over the woman next to me and also knocking me down," said Medad, who was slightly injured. "People ming. Those that

could moved away from the scene for fear it was a car bomb. Others were too injured to move. It was no accident... There is no way he could have made that turn but on

purpose."
The incident occurred at about 3 p.m., and Police Inspector-General Assaf Hefetz and Jerusalem police chief Arye Amit announced on live radio that it was a terror attack.

But that perception soon (Continued on Page 2)

PM: No limits on fight against terror

LIAT COLLINS

"WE will not halt the peace process, we will continue with it," Prime Minister Shimon Peres told the Knesset plenum yesterday. "At the same time, we will take all appropriate means in order to strike at terrorists everywhere, both before and after they commit their criminal actions."

The House was extremely tense during the address, which came barely an hour after the incident in French Hill that at the time was believed to be a terror attack, and shortly after many MKs returned from the funeral of Jerusalem bus bomb victim Yonatan Barnea, son of Yediot Aharonot journalist

After expressing condolences to the families of the victims of the two attacks Sunday, Peres repeated the country's commitment to sovereignty over Jerusalem. "Jerusalem, which has been, is, and will always remain the united capital of Israel, is today also united in its pain. It is possible to wound her, but no one will suc-

ceed in dividing her."
Peres accused Hamas of undermining the Palestinians' desire for peace. They shoot at our citizens, but they harm the Palestinians' hope. They are responsible for the hatred, the killing, the poverty, and the closure." He stressed the need for the Palestinian Authority to act against extremist terror and called on foreign countries allowing fundraising for Hamas's socalled charity organizations to

halt these activities. The Palestinian Authority must decide whether there is room in the Gaza Strip for paramilitary organizations that want to harm (Continued on Page 2)

DAVID MAKOVSKY

fanatics provided

AN unholy conspiracy of Israeli fanatics," who are members of a shadowy group of ex-IDF people called "OAS," and peace process. Moslem extremists were behind Sunday's suicide bombings, Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat told foreign diplomats yesterday, according to diplomatic sources. Informed sources said Israeli

security officials gave their Palestinian counterparts the names of people suspected of being part of a Hamas infrastructure. It is believed they also gave their alleged whereabouts, as well as possible safe houses.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres told the Knesset plenum yesterday he had given Arafat a list of operational demands.

"In consultation with security officials, we have formulated a list of operational demands, which I won't elaborate on, to be submitted to those responsible for security in the Palestinian Authority." Peres said. "For us, compliance with these demands will be a supreme test of their ability to uphold their commitment.

Furthermore, in a meeting with about 30 ambassadors from countries which donate funds to the PA, Foreign Minister Ehud Barak said the closure could be extended in accordance with security needs, and raised the prospects this could last "some weeks or

Arafat told diplomats and foreign groups that "the [explosive] material was offered by the OAS to our fanatics." Arafat insists that a shadowy organization exists in Israel of ex-IDF people determined to sabotage the

He calls the alleged group OAS, or Organisation l'Armée Secret, the acronym of a group of French military people in the 1960s who sought to thwart Charles de Gaulle as he embarked upon a peace policy with Algeria. Arafat is even known to have said last year, before Barak became foreign minister, that "Barak is one of the big bosses of the

Arafat said he was sure the OAS supplied the explosives, because of the sophistication of the bombs, which he claimed is beyond Palestinian capability and "not available anywhere in the Arab world."

When Barak was asked about this allegation, he dismissed it as nonsense, saying Arafat should take care of his extremists and Israel will take care of its own.

Arafat held separate meetings with envoys of Australia. Chile, the US, the UN, and a delegation France's Chamber of

This is not the first time Arafat has blamed Israelis for being behind such anacks. He repeated the charge several times after the Beit Lid attack in January 1995. including once in the presence of Yitzhak Rabin, who upon hearing this walked out of the room.

The remarks of Arafat and Barak seem to underscore the yawning gulf between the two on perceptions of security threats.

Arafat also told foreign diplomats that he would do all he could to track down killers, but that whenever he cracks down hard, he is faced with criticism from Scandinavian countries

bombs in attacks also speculation that he may once again close down the Hamasleaning newspaper in Gaza, el-

Some of the diplomats who met with Arafat told him he should regard the suicide bombings as a personal affront, since the Islamic militants had defied a promise to him to cease attacks. Therefore, the diplomats urged, the militants should be disciplined.

Arafat responded that understandings with Hamas against terror have been "complicated" by Israel's killing of Hamas terror mastermind Yihye Ayyash, dubbed "The Engineer."

The diplomats also told Arafat that continued attacks against Israel would only ensure a Likud victory, but Arafat rejected this argument.

In his meetings with some of the diplomats. Arafat asked that a message be conveyed to Barak asking him not to call for a cut-off of funds to the PA in retaliation for the bombing. Indeed, Barak refrained from making an explicit call for such a cut-off, though it was implied.

Barak urged the envoys to cable their countries to press Arafat to take a tougher stand against militants. He said if the Israelis do not have security, the peace process could be hurt.

He noted that Arafat is more capable of cracking down on militants now that he is a democratically elected leader.

Terje Larsen, UN coordinator for the territories who participated in the meeting with Barak, expressed his opposition to a prolonged closure.

Liat Collins contributed to this

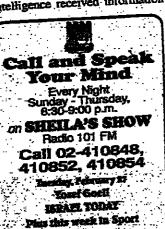
suffering slight injuries, were IDF, police at odds over decision not to reimpose closure on Sunday

BILL HUTMAN, LIAT COLLINS, AND ON LEVY

A CLOSURE was not imposed on Sunday, despite intelligence information that an attack was planned for that day, although not the double-suicide bombings that eventually did occur, Prime Minister Shimon Peres revealed yesterday.

Police sources said the decision was taken by Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak, without consulting Peres, and despite the General Security Service believing a closure should

Senior IDF sources, however, provide a different version of events. They said that after IDF Intelligence received information



Joe Hollman

Radio Jerusalem,

25 Rehov Shachrai.

on the attack, it and Shahak recommended no closure be

Peres's military secretary Maj.-Gen. Danny Yatom, these sources said, then consulted with Shahak, Police Insp.-Gen. Assaf Hefetz, GSS head Ami Ayalon, and Maj.-Gen. Oren Shahor, government coordinator in the territories, on Saturday night. Yatom relayed the

Internal Security Minister Moshe Shahal is upset with Shahak for not bringing the matter before government leaders, the

police sources said. Police believed that a closure would be imposed, after receiving

however, was a call made to a senior adviser to Shahal informing him that there would be no closure. The decision was then

relayed to the police. The sources noted Shahal was upset less with the decision itself than how it was taken. Police traditionally have favored widespread use of closures. Shahal himself declined to com-

ment on the matter. various positions to Peres, who Peres told Knesset reporters that accepted the IDF recommendainformation received Saturday night indicated a female terrorist tion against a closure. might try to bring a boobytrapped car into the country from

However, it was decided to try and capture her and the vehicle rather than continue with the closure on Gaza, Peres said. an intelligence report from the GSS of the planned attack, giving Extending the closure on Judea and Samaria was not considered folspecific details of what was lowing the end of Id al-Fitr, he said. (Continued on Page 2)

Only at about 1 a.m. Sunday,

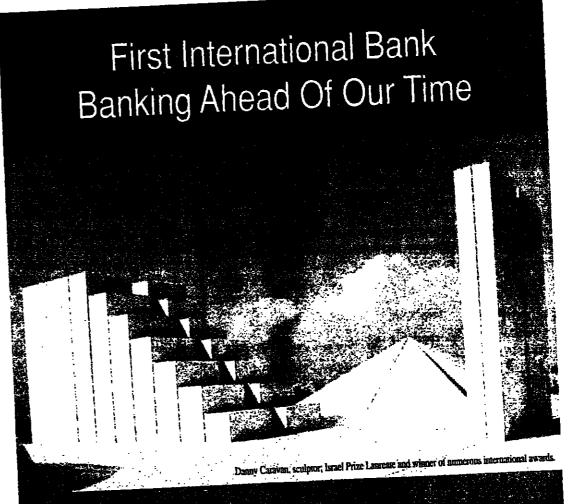
Nine-year-old immigrant left orphaned by bombing BATSHEVA TSUR and news agencies

VLADIMIR Kushnirov. 9, who was orphaned by Sunday's bus bombing in Jerusalem, buried his parents yesterday. After the funeral, the pale-faced boy drew a picture with color crayons. Explaining the drawing to a Channel 2 reporter, he said in halting Hebrew, "I am standing next to the grave of my parents and I am crying, and here I wrote that I am telling my father. 'Father, mother, don't leave the line is the line of the leave that I am telling my father.

His parents, Anatoly and Jana. in their thirties, immigrated in April 1994. They left behind Vladimir and his four-month-old sibling. The Kushnirovs were on their way from their Katamon home to sign a contract for a new apartment in Ashkelon when the bomb went off. Yesterday the two children were being cared for by Jana's sister and par-

ents, assisted by ministry social workers.

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Nine bombing victims buried yesterday

NINE of the victims from Sunday's bombings were buried yesterday.

Many of the wounded improved and some were sent home, but 15 remain in serious condition and several are still in danger.

Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem reported that seven of its 11 remaining victims are in intensive care and connected to a respirator. They are Shmuel Eitach, Gadra Madhan Atzada, Ira Weinstein, Eyal Zizi, Keren Simantov, Shimshon Dana, and Sarid Schwartgon. Two victims are in moderate-togood condition at Hadassah-University Hospital, Mt. Scopus.

Tel Hashomer's Sheba Hospital has four victims in serious condition, but they are reportedly holding their own. Ten wounded remain in Shaare Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem, and one is still in critical condition. Three others

and Itim

are in serious but stable condition. Bikur Holim Hospital released all the victims it had treated for light injuries.

A complete list of the dead: Sgt. Yonatan Barnea, 20, of Jerusalem;

SL-Sgt. Gavriel Krauss, 24, of Jerusalem; St.-Sgt. Gadi Shiloni, 22, of Jerusaleu:

Cpl. Moshe Reuven, 19, of Jerusalem: St.-Sgt. Maj. (res.) Arye Barashi, 39, of Jerusalem; Cpl. Iliva Nimotin, 19, of

Jerusalem; Cpl. Merav Nahum, 19, of

Sgt. Sharon Hanuka, 19, of Jerusalem;

Arik Gaby, 16, of Jerusalem; Matthew Eisenfeld, 25, of Connecticut:

Sara Duker, of New Jersey; Daniel Biton, 42, of Jerusalem; Yitzhak Elbaz, 57, of Jerusalem;

Boris Sharpolinsky, 64, of Jerusalem: Semion Trakashvili, 64, of Jerusalem;

Yitzhak Yakhnis, 54, of Jerusalem: Navon Shabo, 22, of Bnei Brak:

Anatoly Kushnirov, 36, of Jana Kushnirov, 37, of Jerusalem; Masuda Amar, 59, of

Swietlana Gelezniak, of Jerusalem; Michael Yerigin, 16, of Kib-

butz Ma'abarot; and Filene Zaguri.

Jerusalem:



An honor guard of paratroopers fires a final salute to St.-Sgt. Maj. (res.) Arye Barashi, a victim of Sunday's Jerusalem bus bombing, at his funeral yesterday.

Palestinian Police arrests 100 Hamas men

70 Hamas activists yesterday, bringing the number arrested since Sunday's bombing attacks to nearly 100, including several Izzadin Kassam members.

The Palestinian Authority Information Ministry, meanwhile, began to criticize Israel for planning a closure and contributing to the atmosphere that creates

to-house searches in the past two days except the brothers Mohammed and Eyman Jadallah from the Sheikh Radwan neighborhood of Gaza City. The two are cousins of Salah Jadallah, one of the kidnappers of the soldier Nahshon Wachsman. Hamas has not identified either

No well-known activists were

among those captured in house-

violence.

of the two suicide bombers, although both are said to come from Hebron, which is under Israeli control. Prime Minister Shimon Peres said he knows the identity of one of them. There is no indication that the

Palestinian police are breaking up the infrastructure of Hamas. A leaflet in the name of Hamas praised the bombings.

The two major Izzadin Kassam organizers, Mohammed Deip, now Izzadin Kassam commander,

and Mohi Eddin Sharif, a bombmaker considered the successor to Yihye Ayyash, are known to move about Gaza and Jericho, but have not been apprehended.

Gaza police Commander Ghazi Jabali said yesterday that the roundup of suspected violent activists would continue and his forces would take "intensive new steps" against the planners of vio-

As Palestine Radio condemned the attacks yesterday, the Palestinian Authority Information Ministry stated that "the Israeli side carries responsibility for creating an atmosphere conducive to acts like these."

This includes land expropriations, collective punishment and lack of respect for Palestinian residents' feelings, it said. Closures are also considered collective punishment.

PA Economics Minister Ahmed Qreis expressed concern that the open-ended closure declared by Israel would would create a dangerous atmosphere. "We will lose daily at least four to six million dollars," he said yesterday.

The closure will be especially severe as it will not permit passage of truckloads of Gazan produce which was permitted in the last closure. This includes tomatoes, which Israel agreed to purchase in bulk under the Paris economic accords. When it did so, these brought the price of Israeli tomatoes down sharply leading to Israeli farmers' protests at Gaza checkpoints last month.

Yesterday Palestinian police at the Allenby Bridge terminal returned to work after a three-day strike provoked, they said, by unnecessary Israeli humiliation of Palestinians during searches. The bridge remained open to Palestiaien traffic during the strike.

LIMITS

--- (Continued from Page 1) peace, the agreement, and Israel or whether there is room for only one organization authorized to tinian Police.

"There is no value to the majority the PLO won if a minority of armed persons can undermine its policy. The Palestinian Authority must decide to disarm the terrorists or risk endangering its authority. The Palestinian Authority must outlaw those who act contrary to the law, as the agreement between us requires.

Peres said he has instructed the security services to give top priority to the war against terrorism.

'The closure of the territories will continue as long as is required from a security standpoint. Limitations have not been imposed, and will not be imposed, on the pursuit of terrorists, the punishment of those who dispatch them, or the destruction of their cells.

"Murder will not kill the peace process. But there will be no forgiveness for murderers because of the peace process. Of course, we are in pain. But even in pain, we will not throw our objectives of peace and security into the sea..." The House united behind Peres's call to fight terror.

Despite the call to his colleagues by Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu to refrain from heckling the premier, Yehoshua Matza greeted the end of Peres's speech with: "This is the new Middle East."

Netanyahu sent a message to the terrorists. "You won't succeed in breaking us, in making us fall apart. The People of Israel are strong and we will continue to build in our land, in a united Jerusalem.'

He also had a message for Peres: "Shimon, fight them with" all your strength and all your might and we'll support you. We are united. There is no peace and no calm. Israel should strive for peace while recognizing this realitv. It cannot count on a Palestinian Army, only on the IDF. The security forces should have freedom of action."

He quoted Peres's mentor David Ben-Gurion saying, "Peace can only be achieved when there is security,"

Tsomet leader Rafael Eitan called on the government to stop all contacts with the Palestinians and fight terror.

Moledet leader Rehavam Ze'evi called on Peres to resign immediately. He heckled the prime minister during his ad-

Restraint from Likud, Page 3

CRASH

changed. Traffic investigators found nine meters of skid marks, indicating Hamideh tried to stop his car, and Amit said he had apparently lost control of the car, perhaps due to slippery road conditions.

Police also discovered that there was no bomb in the car, only bags of recently purchased food in the back seat. Hamideh, an American who held a California driver's license, has no record of any connection with a terror group, further strengthening police belief that it was an accident.

Hamideh was staying with relatives in Beit Hanina, near the scene of the incident, and may have been on his way there, according to police.

But the revised statements that it was apparently an accident didn't hold for long. One of the civilians who opened fire said he

(Continued from Page 1): ... shot after Hamiden got out of the car and attacked a border policeman.

However, another civilian who to flee, while a third said he opened fire after he saw the other two start shooting.

Police spokesman Shmuel Ben-Ruby released a statement last night, saying: "The police investigation has yet to determine whether it was a traffic accident," and that earlier statements by po-

lice brass should be disregarded. The vehicle, a rented black Fiat, is to be checked today for signs that will hopefully allow police to determine whether Hamideh lost control or whether there was a mechanical problem, Ben-Roby said.

He also said police are trying to locate the border policeman who was allegedly attacked, as well as other policemen and soldiers who may have opened fire.

CLOSURE

(Continued from Page 1) "The prime minister decided on Wednesday to lift the closure, and nobody was opposed ... If somebody was opposed, he had from Wednesday to Friday to say so, but no one did," Shahak said. Shahak made his remark durously wounded in Sunday's Jerusalem bus bombing, at Hadassah-

University Hospital, Ein Kerem. He was informed that their condition, while still serious, has improved.

He noted that while there had been information that a terrorist attack was planned for Sunday, the information was specific, and ing a visit to three soldiers, seri- the attack was not that which took place.

Itim contributed to this report.

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Jerusalem bus bomber came from Hebron THE terrorist who carried out the Jerusalem bus bomb attack on Monday apparently came from Hebron, Prime Minister Shimon Peres told Knesset reporters yesterday. He did not rule out the possibility that the Ashkelon car bomber was also from Hebron, and that both were

dressed as Israeli soldiers.

LIAT COLLINS and BILL HUTMAN

Police still had no leads yesterday on the identity of the suicide bomber that killed 24 persons

near Jerusalem's central bus station, according to police sources. None of the passengers questioned by police has yet identified

Dr Ami Ze'evi

cult," a source said.

All the bodies of those killed excepthat of the man believed to be the terrorist have been identified at the National Forensics In-

anyone on the bus they saw as suspicious. "Many of the passengers are still in shock, which is making the investigation diffi-

stitute at Abu Kabir.



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who were murdered by terrorists in Jerusalem and Ashkelon, and extends deepest condolences to the bereaved families.

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US pressing Arafat to do more

HILLEL KUTTLER WASHINGTON

yesterday that, after Sunday's less not possible to say. Clearly, bombings, it is awaiting the one the steps taken to apprehend and, come of the Palestiman judicials. If necessary, prosecute individuals are an important element in processes before pronouncing are an important element in judgment on the PA's performance feorgroups themselves. We'll parerist groups themselves. We'll have to see. It'll depend on who

against terrorism. : "Things that are clearly for optics aren't enough," a senior official said. This is an issue that's going to have to work asch. Israel Martin Indyk yesterday out, in terms of a response by PA accused Arafat of not acting President Yasser] Arafat. The forcefully enough to prevent pressure is clearly on Arafat to anacks on Israelis. address the concerns that were

The US will "have to judge on the totality of the efforts" taken by. the PA against the infrastructure of terrorist groups, he said, adding that the pressure the US is apply-

ing to Arafat is "nothing new."

Asked whether the US is satisfied that the PA's roundup of Hamas officials was more than

are an important element in

these individuals are. Meanwhile, US Ambassador to

"What Yasser Arafat and the Palestinian security forces have been doing against terror has not been enough," Indyk told Israel Radio. "We, the US government, have pressed him continuously since he took control of Gaza to step up his efforts to control the terrorists in his midst. As I said, he has taken action but it's not enough."

Poll shows Peres losing ground

Jerusalem Post Staff

AN opinion poll published yester-day showed Prime Minister Shimon Peres losing ground to Binyamin Netanyahu after the Sunday deaths of 27 people in two

suicide bombings. The Dahar poll of 501 Israelis for Yediot Aharonot showed Netanyahu narrowing Peres's lead in four days from 15 percentage

points to three. The new poll showed 46% would vote for Peres; 43% for Netanyahu, and 5% for David Levy. Six percent had yet to

decide or did not respond. Government spokesman Uri Dromi called the plunge only tem-

porary, telling Renters:"I wouldn't hasten to draw any conclusions

from an immediate poll." Another veteran pollster said it was too early to conduct a poll unburdened by the emotions of the moment.

"It's an immediate response that doesn't reflect the long-range situation. It's a knee-jerk reaction, anger, a feeling something has to be done - 'If these guys can't guarantee, then bring in some-body else, " Dromi said. "In the long range I think it will change again because people will ask themselves seriously what is the

Shohat: No money left for Internal Security Ministry

Jerusalem Post Staff

THE Ministry of Internal Security's demand for an an additional NIS 420 million to finance 2,426 jobs can only be met by transferring funds from the Defense Ministry, aides to Finance Minister Avraham Shohat said this week.

Treasury sources said that over the past three to four years, the police budget has grown by 36 percent and its personnel has expanded by 25%, including 5,000 new jobs, 1,100 of them

Responding to Internal Security Moshe Shahal's requests, Shohat said last week he thought the government gave "an appropriate" financial reply to the challenges posed by terrorism, road safety, and the Oslo process. Finance Ministry officials say

the Internal Security Ministry can redistribute the resources already at its disposal, rather than ask for an additional budget, especially considering that it had already been granted an additional NIS 200m. earlier this year.

army regulars. Bill would give minimum sentence for sex crime

THE Knesset Law Committee yesterday approved for first reading a bill to impose a minimum sentence for sex crimes. The minimum will be one-fourth of the maximum

sentence for each crime. The bill will apply only to rape and to sexual abuse by parents or those in a position of trust, such as teachers. Evelyn Gordon



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Zo Artzenu returns to the streets

SPORADICALLY Peres is the next in line, Traitor, traitor," and "Enough of dreams, we want security," about 150 people gathered yesterday at the site of Sunday's massacre for

a protest organized by Zo The Left will accuse us of dancing on the blood, Zo Artzenu leader Moshe Feiglin said, "but they perfected the art. If we are dancing on the blood, they performed pirouettes on [Yitzhak] Rabin's blood. They gave us a

leader Netanyahu's call for restraint met

own MKs yesterday.

with some opposition among his

In an address to the Likud fac-

tion before the plenum session. Netanyahu asked his MKs to

refrain from heckling Prime

Minister Shimon Peres during his

statement to the nation. These

are days of mourning and grief.

On a day on which we are burying

our dead, I have asked our mem-

bers not to enter the political fray.

crash course on how it's done." Feiglin said the demonstration was a turning point in the lull of protests that has followed the Rabin assassination. "We are returning to the streets, to the intersections. We won't be violent, we were never violent, but

we won't be silent either." Feiglin said that the Left tired to blame the Right for Rabin's assassination, "saying that his blood is on our hands. So if that's the case, on whose hands is the blood that was spilled yesterday. The respon-Netanyahu's call for restraint

meets some opposition

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and they have acted accordingly."

Eliahu Ben-Elissar took excep-

tion to the self-imposed silence.

Peres, Interior Minister Haim

Ramon, and other cabinet mem-

bers are expressing their political

views. Are we to stand silent and

say not a word?" he asked. But

Netanyahu repeated his call for a

Netanyahu said.

low-key response.

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sibility rests with the government which signed agreements with

The rally was organized despite appeals by Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu to his followers not to protest. "We do not take orders from Netanyahu," said Shmuel Sackett. another one of the group's leaders. "We want to bring people back into the

"If you think today is the day to hold a political argument I beg to differ. I think it can be postponed."

I suggest you act with restraint.".
Ron Nahman sided with Ben-

Elissar. "I don't want to attack the

government right now, but one should note how Labor represen-

tatives expressed clearly political

sentiments to the media immedi-

Ovadia Eli, on the other hand,

called for "self-discipline, even if

ately after the attacks."

it's difficult."

There were about as many police and border police as protesters on hand to ensure the

demonstration did not spill into Jaffa Road. People visited the site of the attack throughout the day, added to the hundreds of memorial can-

dles there, and - taking their cue from Rabin Square - wrote mes-sages on a long white sheet that was hung on a fence.

In a related development. Jerusalem Magistrate's Court rejected a petition by the lawyers

of Zo Artzenu heads Feiglin, Sackett, and Benny Elon to dismiss

the sedition charges against them. Sefi Elon, lawyer for his brother, Benny, argued in earlier hear-ings that the charges be dropped because "this is not an indictment, but an editorial."

The judges did, however, agree to a defense motion to remove from the indictment an attempt to connect Zo Artzenu's protests with the killing of a Palestinian during a protest at Beit El last

4,000 foreign workers needed if closure is extended

AN extended closure of the territories will necessitate bringing in another 4,000 foreign agricultural workers, Agriculture Minister Ya acov Tzur

He said he has already received appeals from the heads of the agriculture associations that they be assured of workers, especially during harture associations that

There are currently some 13,000 foreigners working in agriculture. As long as workers from the territories were allowed entry, this was sufficient. But should an extended closure be imposed, Tzur said, there will be no choice but to bring in more workers.

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SEVEN new immigrants were killed in Sunday's terrorist blast in Jerusalem, the Absorption Ministry spokesman said yester-

day.

The ministry set up emergency headquarters under director-general Efraim Cohen and sent out Russian-speaking teams to help the families of the vic-

This brings to 30 the number of new immigrants killed in terrorist activities in the past five

In addition, some 20 of those injured on Sunday also appear to new immigrants, the spokesman said. The Russianspeaking teams were combing all the hospitals yesterday to establish the exact number and to proffer assistance, he said.

The fatalities include Anatoly

How important are these discussions?

that its okay to feel fear and anxiety.

do you think enough is being done?

they feel their kids are still traumatized?

since the Yom Kippur War.

with DR. BERNIE STEIN

Dr. Bernie Stein is chief psychologist. Ministry of Education

Education Minister Amnon Rubinstein ordered that yester-

day's first class at schools throughout the country be dedicat-

ed to discussion about the Jerusalem and Ashkelon bombing.

think its important that the minister sends a message to the whole

school system that it's not back to work as usual when such a

tragedy occurs. The discussions give kids a chance to express their

feelings, a sort of framework for mourning and to let them know

How are teachers prepared before before confronting pupils?

chological and counseling service clinics throughout the country,

and we have six regional crisis teams ready to deal with any prob-

lem on a personal or national scale. Part of the preparation is

working with teachers and schools, and this has been going on

Considering we live in such a stressful and turbulent country,

lem that may arise. We've created a system that enables kids

and teachers to talk freely. We are a very psychological minded

What sort of warning signals should parents look out for if

The most important thing is that parents allow their children to

express their feelings. If they see a child is unusually withdrawn or over anxious, they should immediately consult with a profes-

We have many different projects - that help confront any prob-

Unfortunately, we've had a lot of experience. We have 240 psy-

They are extremely important. It's a national tragedy, and I

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and Jana Kushnirov, in their thirties, who immigrated in April 1994. They leave behind two children, aged nine and four

Another victim, Boris Sharpolinsky, 55, arrived in Israel only eight months ago. He had no relatives here.

Other immigrants killed on Sunday include Swietlana Gelezniak, 33, who made aliya in June 1991 and is survived by her husband and a small son; Yitzhak Yakhnis, 54. who moved here four years and leaves behind a wife and daughter: Semion Trakashvili. 64, three years in the country, who is survived by his wife and son; and Cpl. Iliya Nimotin, 19.

Nimoun's mother is a widow

and he was her only son. "Unfortunately, in all the terror blasts, the number of immigrants is disproportionately high because they constitute a large percentage of the passengers who use public transport." Absorption Minister Yair Tzaban said yester-

Paradoxically, Tzaban said, the attacks have created "a kind of blood bond between these immigrants and this country. Of course we would have wanted a different type of bond - but this is impossible until we achieve peace and succeed in fully counteracting terrorism." Tzaban

He called on the public to open their hearts to the victims who usually do not have many relatives and friends to help them in their time of pain.

'Israel, not peace process, bombers' target'

'THIS isn't a war on peace, but an attempt to undermine the country," President Ezer Weizman said yesterday, referring to Sunday's suicide

"But our country is strong and must be able to encourage aliya so that we will have more Jews. I can't promise that there won't be people crying and that there won't be sadness, but at the same time we must look at ourselves and see how much we've accomplished as a country."

Weizman was speaking with reporters following a visit to Barzilai hospital, where 11 of those wounded in the bomb blast in Ashkelon are hospitalized, one moderately and 10

The president said he was pleased by the way the country's leaders responded to the terror attacks, specifically, that they didn't try to make political capital out of them.

As regards the Palestinians, Weizman said: "If they don't take themselves in hand and don't find solutions, the situation will get worse also from our responses."

ing month he intends to visit the homes of each of the 25 victims of

There are 100 seniors at the

school, and more than half are

expected to spend next year in

The only way not to die of vio-

lence is to live the life of a

recluse," said principal Rabbi

Menachem Meier. "The question

is, how do people deal with fear?

No one wants to grant [terrorists] a



Pupils comfort each other at Beit Hinuch High School in the capital's Katamonim neighborhood.

Deaths of three classmates leave Jerusalem high school in shock

AT the entrance to Beit Hinuch High School in Jerusalem, there is a memorial board with brass plaques bearing the names of graduates killed in terrorist attacks or military action.

There are 67 names on the board. Now there will be three

Three graduates of the school -20-year-old Yonatan Barnea, 19year-old Moshe Reuven and 19year-old Merav Nahum - died in Sunday's Jerusalem bus bomb-

Yesterday, three memorial candles burned on a table draped in black at the school. "Beit Hinuch announces with great sorrow the falling of its graduates," a poster

"Meray, Yoni and Moshe were army service. Nahum had been

murdered by evil people whose intention was only to murder Jews and kill the peace."

"I don't think there is a single person in this school who didn't know at least one of the fallen," said 15-year-old Ariel Margalit, who was in Barnea's scouts group. "The whole school is in mourning.

Students at Beit Hinuch have been through the mourning process before. One graduate was killed in a suicide bombing last year. Another was killed in an attack in downtown Jerusalem in October 1994. There have been other recent deaths in Lebanon,

and in an army training accident. The three from Beit Hinuch who died Sunday were doing their

drafted just three months ago. A pretty girl with dark, curly hair and dark eyes, "she was always happy and willing to help anyone," said Michal Porat, a Bible and history teacher.

Reuven, teachers said, was a quiet boy, and an excellent student. When he entered high school, he insisted on taking an advanced physics class, over the objections of his teachers and counselors.

But the student teachers remembered best was Barnea - always a leader, always doing something that drew attention.

"You couldn't help noticing him," said Porat. "He had something to say about everything. In many things, he was the linchpin

In the final year of high school, Barnea came up with the idea for a class play based on the camp classic, The Rocky Horror Picture Show For a Purim shpiel, he got the class to dress up as characters from Crime and Punishment.

For a class videotape, Barnea shaved his head, leaving only the letters that stood for his class year. Barnea's father was Nahum Barnea, a well-known columnist for Yediot Aharonot.

The newspaper said yesterday that Nahum Barnea had gone to the scene of the explosion before knowing his son was among the victims. When newspaper editors learned that his son had been identified, they got him away from the site on a pretext, then broke the news. (AP)

Bad off I

Students at New Jersey school mourn classmate

The most important thing is not to ignore

Students at the Frisch School in Paramus, New Jersey, filed into an assembly yesterday to talk about Sara Duker, class of 1991, who was killed Sunday along with her fiance, Matthew Eisenfeld, in the

sional psychologist.

Jerusalem bus bombing. In what was called a terrible coincidence, it was the second time in a year that students and faculty at the yeshiva gathered to

MARILYN HENRY

mourn. Alisa Flatow, class of 1992, was killed in the bus bomb-

NEW YORK

ing near Kfar Darom last April 9. The message comes home to our kids that we are vulnerable. and that we are vulnerable because of our ideals," said Rabbi Saul Zucker, the assistant principal.

victory by being paralyzed by He cautioned the students that it is wrong for this incident to be

exploited for political purposes. Fidgeting in their seats and wringing their hands, a number of seniors said they are frightened, but still intend to spend next year in Israel.

"I'm scared now, especially because it his so close to home," said Avigail Meier, the principal's daughter, for whom Sara once babysat. "You think for a minute that maybe you're making a mistake, but I'm still going to go."

keep hitting me?' JUST a year ago, Lilia and Michael Yerigin left their home in Donyensk in Ukraine with a group of pupils coming to study On Friday. Michael had come on Youth Aliyah's Na'aleh-16

to arrive alone - to attend Michael's funeral. Michael. 16, was the youngest victim of Sunday's terrorist

their mother Yevgenia was due

Early this morning,

"Why do all these calamities keep hitting me? a pale Lilia, 17, asked again and again. Her friends at Jerusalem's Goldstein Youth Village just continued to hug her or hold her hand.

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'Why do all these calamities

to Goldstein to spend the weekend with his sister. Because he was younger, he had been sent with a group to Kibbutz Ma'abarot.

As he and Lilia were walking in the neighborhood, Lilia pointed out the No. 18 bus to him. You don't usually take it, but it goes directly to the central bus station," she said. Early on Sunday morning, Michael took

her advice. When news of the attack reached Goldstein, Lilia knew immediately. Michael's connselor was contacted and went to the Abu Kabir forensic institute, where he identified the body.

The news had to be relaved to Yevgenia in Donyensk. The local Jewish Agency emissary was out of town. Frantic arrangements were made by the Jewish Agency to contact a doctor to go to her house. He told Yevgenia her son was injured. Only later, once the doctor was there, did Lilia call

Yevgenia, who lost her husband to a heart attack only two months ago, was accompanied by a Jewish Agency worker on her flight to Israel. Agency Chairman Avraham

Burg, who visited Lilia yesterday, said her mother would receive an apartment. Meanwhile, during shiva, she will stay in Lilia's room.

"If you have any requests, just ask. From now on, we will be your family," Burg promised Lilia, who is in the process of becoming a citizen.

Michael will be buried at noon

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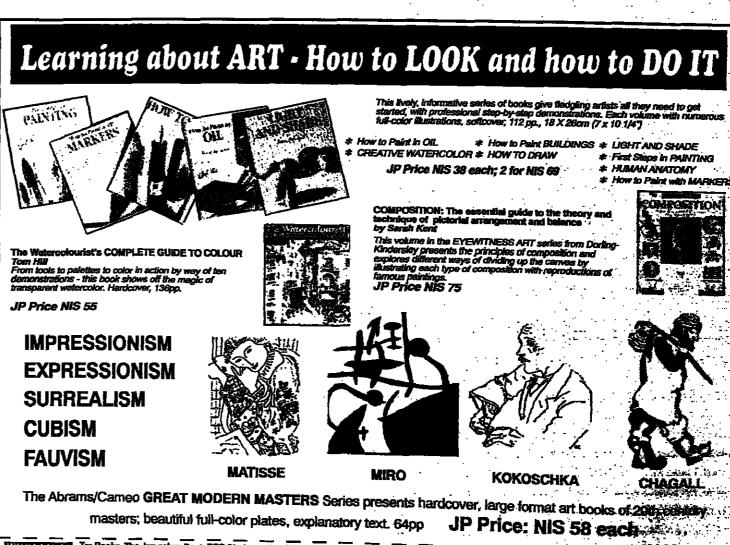
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the last decade.

n the aftermath of every terror-ist attack since Oslo, the gov-

Islamic fundamentalist groups say

their terror against Jews will con-

Is this view, as some believe,

just a minority view in the

Moslem world? There are signs

The West's staunchest ally some

15 years ago, the shah's Iran, is

today a bastion of Islamic funda-

mentalism. Acts of terror by fun-

damentalist groups are on the

increase against the Egyptian

leadership. The secular regime in

Algeria rules with brutal force

over and in spite of a majority of

Increased Hizbullah activity in

Lebanon has culminated in the

shelling of Northern Israel. And in

Israel Hamas and Islamic Jihad

strength has been increasing over

Apart from the issue of the rela-

tive power of Islamic fundamen-

talism in the Moslem world, there

is a more pertinent question: What

is the view of mainstream Islam?

Can Islam ultimately tolerate a

Put bluntly, is or isn't an Israeli

bus passenger an enemy of Islam?

If the answer is no, why haven't

Islam cannot tolerate a sovereign

non-Islamic state in its midst?

That violence aimed at eradicating

such a state is legitimate in Islam?

last any number of political per-

sonalities and regimes, no matter

now prominent or how strong.

And yet the current peace process

is being conducted solely by

Islam has outlasted and will out-

Could it be that mainstream

State of Israel in the region?

we heard it loud and clear?

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Disappointing speech

F Prime Minister Shimon Peres's speech to the Knesset yesterday was deeply disap-pointing it was not only for what he said, but for what he failed to say. Containing little more than a series of worn platitudes, the speech was decidedly not the kind of address the nation needed after absorbing one of the most devastating terror blows in its history.

Peres's favorite slogan is a paraphrase of David Ben-Gurion's famous World War II declaration: "We'll fight the White Paper as if there is no war, and fight the war as if there is no White Paper." Peres's current version, initiated by the late Yitzhak Rabin, is "We'll continue the peace process as if there is no terrorism, and fight terrorism as if there is no peace process." Unfortunately, it is a slogan with little basis in

Israel cannot and will not fight terrorism as if there is no peace process for the simple reason that the agreements it has signed in Oslo and Cairo make it impossible. As long as Israel honors these agreements, it cannot go after the Islamic terror organizations except in hot pursuit, and it has refrained from doing even that

To say, as Peres did yesterday. No limitations have been imposed, nor will any be imposed on the pursuit of terrorists, or on the punishment of those who dispatch them, or on the destruction of their cells," is therefore unconscionably misleading.

Nor has this impotence been unexpected. The security services have warned time and again that once Israel forfeits its right to relentlessly pursue the terrorists and destroy their bases, it will have to depend on the goodwill, cooperation and efficacy of the Palestinian Authority.

Peres in effect confirmed this when he repeated the pontifical refrain which seems to follow every terrorist strike: "The Palestinian Authority must do its part...I turn to those Palestinians who want peace, and ask them to prevent this violent minority from destroying their future and their hope. The ballot, and not

the builet, is the right ticket for peace and freedom."

To make his point, Peres reminded the PLO that it should feel indebted to Israel: "No people has done as much as we have to create understanding with the Palestinians. We have done this despite the terrorism."

But Yasser Arafat is obviously in no mood to shoulder either blame or responsibility, nor does he seem grateful. That he told European diplomats the Jerusalem and Ashkelon bombings were the result of a conspiracy of Israeli and Palestinian extremists betrays not only the sheer contempt he harbors for the intelligence of Israelis, but his infinite faith in the power of the big lie. Nor is this the first time he has made such a charge. Last year he accused "right wingers in the Israeli army" of collaborating in the Beit Lid massacre, which cost the lives of 20

Regrettably, Arafat is abetted by Peres's pronouncements when making such sickening charges. Yesterday the prime minister told newsmen that "The Hamas is like Arafat's 'Altalena,' but Arafat is not Ben-Gurion." Peres has made other invidious comparisons in recent years. He has compared the Holocaust to the bombing of Hiroshima, and the suffering of the Palestinians to that of Dachau victims. By comparing Hamas to Menachem Begin's organization he has given Arafat a perfect reason to legitimize the Islamist terrorists.

Sorely missing from Peres's speech was any mention of the one weapon with which Israel can still press Arafat into action against Hamas: The suspension of all negotiations until he cracks down on the terrorist organization. What Arafat wants more than anything is Israeli withdrawal from Hebron and the rural areas in Judea and Samaria, and the opening of final status talks which will enable him to declare a Palestinian state. If Peres refuses to use the one remaining "stick" Israel possesses, Arafat can hardly be blamed for assuming that he can continue to coddle Hamas with impunity.

Euro-ship hits tempest

are getting the shudders over its forthcoming summit intended to launch a lengthy inter-governmental conference in Turin next month. The conference has been touted for nearly a year as the biggest decision-making enterprise since the Maastricht Treaty that crafted the Union from the former European Community. But the way things have been shaping up, the only thing Turin may have to offer is its famous fake shroud to bury yet another bloated corpse of Euro-optimism.

The selection of Italy to launch the 15-nation EU's treaty review was ominous enough. Under the EU system of rotating presidency, Italy is the current president. Unfortunately, that country's own governments rotate almost as fast as the six-month EU presidency. The aim of the Euro conference is to upgrade and streamline the Maastricht Treaty before the proposed European monetary union and the absorption of new member states. But having Italy as leader of Europe makes as much sense as putting a drunk-

To use Queen Elizabeth's coinage, 1996 has all the makings of an annus horribilis for the European Union. Its image is at an all-time low among the ordinary citizens of the member states and the largely incomprehensible gobbledegook of Brussels's public relations machine

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sir, - I refer to A.B. Yehoshua's

speech before the World Jewish

Congress Global Assembly. His ar-

rogance is indescribable. He gives

the example that so many heads of

state came to the funeral of Mr.

Rabin. The fact is that President

Clinton is a friend of Israel and it

was his work that so many heads of

state came to pay their respects to

Mr. Rabin and to Israel. In Novem-

ber, someone else may be elected

president of the US and he may not

be that friendly to Israel. It hap-

pened in the past, and to whom will

Israel run for help if not to the

I am very happy to learn that

Israel is a very rich country, if Mr.

Yehoshua is correct. Then it would

Sir, - In your leader of February

7, you recall the warning of Presi-

dent Weizman that Israeli youth are

imitating the vulgarities of popular

American culture. Your criticism is

not misplaced; but if ever the cry

'Physician, heal thyself' was ap-

plicable, then you should be looking

I have previously written to you

complaining of the atrocious En-

glish that appears in your newspa-

per, with particular emphasis on

to your own newspaper.

Jewish community?

UNBELIEVABLE ARROGANCE

THE USE OF ENGLISH

be appropriate to close the offices of

organizations that collect money for

Israel. I get on an average 10 letters

a day from Jewish organizations

asking for donations for Israel. This

is without mentioning what the

American government gives from

For so many years, most of the

Jews considered it their obligation to

help Israel and now you kill the

If Israel is so well off, first close

all the shnorr offices, but do it the

civilized way. Say thank you for

past assistance and do not ask for

more. Do not close the door. You

never know what may happen

syntax. It is evident that "Ameri-

can" is coming more and more to

the fore. Perhaps one can be gener-

ous and accept/tolerate the changing

vocabulary. But sentence construc-

tion is something else, since this

determines the meaning of what is

May I suggest that, if you wish to

continue the claim of your interna-

tional standing, you look to your

STAN WHITE

own laurels.

GREGORY Z. BUKSTEIN

the taxpayers' money.

goose that fed you?

VEN staunch fans of the European Union merely pumps more fog into the mist. The British formerly eccentric Euro-skepticism is rapidly becoming mainstream. Mass strikes and riots in France in December appear to have broken the back of the drive to monetary union by 1999. The stringent budget-balancing conditions laid out by Brussels to achieve the common currency have strained credulity in France, Belgium, Britain, and now Germany. Discussions of Italy meeting the criteria are saved for Eurocrats' after-dinner jokes.

> An open-borders accord lies in ruins after a new spate of terrorism in France, Madrid and London, followed by a serious row over Belgium's refusal to extradite wanted Basque ETA terrorists to Spain. With terrorism, drug trafficking, and Russian and Italian mafia operations, the concept of Europe sans frontieres looks to many citizens and struggling police forces no more than a charter for criminal free trade. France has already tightened rather than acrimony.

> Eurocrats have never been short of grandiose ideas floating in the ether with their Ode to Joy anthem. It is high time they came out of their virtual reality fantasies and into the real world that most Europeans, especially Italians, live in

> > dancing").

with

GOOD NEIGHBORS

mon's writing and appreciate her

political efforts. I must try to rectify

a disservice she does to the women

of Efrat in her op-ed of February 9

'Party politics, with belly

As a guest of the party (I brought

the cross-cultural chocolates), I am

resentful of being viewed as a per-son who must be "shook up" about

the people I "hate and fear so

Palestinians 20 years ago in the US

and have taken advantage of oppor-

tunities to continue it here in Israel.

My young children have been taken

to combined Israeli-Palestinian

demonstrations as well as visiting

quarters on Givat Hadagan. Indeed,

I would have a difficult time refer-

ring to anyone at the party as intoler-

ant. If there were reservations about

the evening, they were about com-

munication limitations, not about

the people we were communicating

I would like to believe that Ms.

Tedmon describes her Jewish neigh-

bors as inhibited and narrow-mind-

ed only in an effort to promote her

thesis. However, if she really feels

this way, I suggest she put the same

effort into getting to know her Israe-

li neighbors as she has into getting

ANN DANSKER

to know her Palestinian ones.

'I began my dialogue with

Sir, - Much as I enjoy Sue Ted-

enraged some delegates. First of all, I want to stress that I

was speaking in the future tense, about a time when peace will have become the prevailing reality in the Middle Fast.

many people find it hard to digest concepts to do with the future. They aren't really comfortable until they have brought them back down to earth and tied them to a familiar real-

But my feeling is that any failure on our part to prepare for the future only means we will have to pay a far higher price when it finally arrives.

I am in favor of exploring a new kind of integration, both within Israel, and between Israel and the Diaspora. What I said at the congress stemmed from a deep sense of anxiety over the alienation and dilution of the Israel-Diaspora relationship - an alienation that is often hidden behind the daily routine of

in my words. All I sought was to prod these institutions and their representatives awake, to make them see where we are all heading.

For the last 30 years, the Israeli ingredient of Jewish identity in the Diaspora has turned on three central pivols: Jewish donations to Israel. political support for a besieged country fighting for its life in a hos-tile world, and the "immigration rebuke" by Israelis to Diaspora Jews. These have infused the Israeli-Jewish dialogue with life, drama and

But these three pivots have weak-

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The really big question

Lernment has decried Islamic politicians

Spokesmen for the various In the words of Catholic University Prof. Russell Hittinger, "The modern state does not know tinue. They maintain that Islam demands it. The Zionists are the how to change people's hearts and minds.

What happened to theology? A lasting peace must take Islamic doctrine into account.

Israelis wonder about the religious precepts of their peace part-

If mainstream Islam truly accepts a State of Israel in the region, let's hear it clearly

ners when they hear public incitement from mosques to violence against them. How does one explain the cry of Allahu
akbar (God is great) that
invariably accompanies Arab acis

A US Institute of Peace sympo-sium in July 1993 concluded that more can be done in advancing peace in areas of conflict through work with religious bodies and communities.

Prof. John Paul Lederach of Eastern Mennonite College and of Mennonite Central Committee's International Conciliation Service has proposed a specific strategy whereby "religious institutions can play a key role in contextualized peacemaking... [and] promoting reconciliation. They can be at the center of conflict transformation." Added Lederach: "We need to ask how

we can work with people of faith

Let's halt this alienation

at the middle levels to generate peaceful transformation."

WHEN Chief Rabbi Lau asked the head of the Jerusalem Wakf to declare that the murder of innocents in the name of Allah is unacceptable, his request fell on deaf ears. No Islamic leader of stature has come out clearly and unequivocally for accommodation.

Yet clearly only Moslem religious leaders - and not the politicians and others presently negotiating the peace - can adequately dispel the perception that Islam cannot tolerate a State of Israel.

Abdulazziz Sachedina, professor of religious studies at the University of Virginia, notes that the Koran affirms that "War may legitimately be waged only with religious authorization. Adds John Kelsay in Just War and Jihad, "Those who proclaim Islam is a religion of peace... mislead us."

Yet while admitting that mainstream Islam "does not embrace nonviolence," Prof. Michael Nagler of the University of California at Berkeley and founder of the Reace and Conflict. Studies Program at UCB, notes that the development of nonviolent movements within Islam is possible.

Perhaps individual Moslem religious leaders need the support of a recognized body of Islamic clerics. Were such a body to state explicitly and unequivocally that according to their understanding of the Koran, a sovereign non-Islamic state can be tolerated in the Middle East, more Israelis might begin to believe that there really is a peace process worthy of

The writer is a Middle East security analyst

The first direction would be cul-

tural, primarily the dissemination of

Hebrew as a second language for

World Jewry. This would not only

make for more intimate and genuine

contact with Israelis, but become

part of the Diaspora Jewish identity,

The second direction would be an

efficient and focused joint contribu-

tion to the plight of the Third World through the establishment of a lewish-Israeli "task force." It would

give humble but genuine content to

the old, beautiful idea of Jews being

The third would be the formation

of Jewish-Israeli think tanks, bring-

ing the joint Jewish and internation-

al experience to bear on problems

like unemployment and immigration

Of course, all this would exist

longside old and well-tried activi-

It hardly came as a surprise that

those people whose whole Jewish

activity revolves around raising

charity and mustering political sup-port for Israel would see my views

as a threat to everything their Jewish

They feel hurt and rejected, like a

father whose grown-up son refuses

to accept any more financial sup-

port, who fears the loss of the only

thing that has nurtured the relation-

But there is no longer any choice.

ties like Jewish tourism and study

years in Israel for young Jews.

but on joint creativity.

and a link with the past.

a light unto the nations.

on a world level.

existence stands for.

Safety first

ETA KUSHNER

from work on Sunday.

As I rode through the various Jerusalem neighborhoods, I realized that what I was seeing through my window were the same scenes that other, ill-starred passengers had witnessed only

Of course it was later in the day, and shops were open. People were busy going about their daily

The main difference was that while I reached my destination. those earlier passengers did not. And what I was casually witness-ing through the bus window during my journey were the last images of this world for many of

those other passengers.

Along with the driver there was a security officer on my bus - a belated gesture. I presume he was there more to calm the passengers than to ensure any lasting securi-ty, for in reality there won't be enough money or manpower to put security guards on every bus,

every day.

When the bus reached the scene of the morning's tragedy, many people could be seen standing on that corner. Television cameras and the press were there, of course, gathering the usual stories to be broadcast worldwide.

The death bus had been removed by then. Life must go

BUT murder isn't a natural part of life. Must such deaths also go

It seems that it isn't "humanitarian" to close off the territories. We'd be depriving Palestinian families of their livelihood.

But when it becomes a question of their livelihood or our lives, which takes priority? A rational government, one might think, would choose to protect its own

And the poor Palestinian families who would suffer? Well, if they really don't like being out off from their workplaces, let them make sure not to support murderers in their midst.

I took bus No. 18 home from work on Sunday. Life has to go on. But must violent death?

Doesn't Arafat have enough policemen? Does the Palestinian population really not know who is plotting to kill?

Terrorists do not work in a vacuum. In order to carry out "successful" acts of terror such as bus bombings, they need a wide base of support.

Beyond all this, what is Arafat continuing to say, his words of condolence on Sunday notwithstanding? I'm fairly sure that if not this bary Be

week (and maybe even this in week), he will be praising these latest killers as Islamic martyrs in his Arabic speeches to his people. As he has encouraged acts of terror to continue after previous incidents, so we can expect him to do so now. The murderers of Jerusalem and Ashkelon will be held up as examples for young

Palestinians to emulate. Must the peace process continue at all costs? More and more, it feels as if we Israelis are the ones being processed, like food in a food processor.

Why, when all is said and done, should we act in a "humanitarian" way, allowing Palestinian workers to enter israel only to commit

unspeakable acts? It seems time we were a little more humanitarian to our own

The writer is a freelancer.

POSTSCRIPT

LIVING UP to the Genesis verse "naked and not ashamed." Christian nudists are planning a week- L end retreat of hot-tubbing, karaoke and reading Bibles in the

"We believe you can be a modist and religious, too," said lerry Love, a Methodist who has already booked 60 reservations from around the country for the getaway at his family modist resort in Ocean Isle Beach, North

Christian nudists say their practice is rooted in biblical teaching. They note that Adam. and Eve put on fig leaves only 1 after they are the forbidden fruit.

The Loves, who plan to make the gathering and annual county

loosened its frontier security and a Euro summit reviving that bond. These would no on drugs set for March 7 has been canceled in A. B. YEHOSHUA longer be based on the dependency en corporal in charge of NATO. of the needy party on its benefactor,

Y friends have asked me to summarize the address I gave recently to the World Jewish Congress, an address that so

It hasn't escaped my notice that

Jewish institutions everywhere.

Perhans I was a little too pointed

ened over the last few years, and when peace comes they will weaken still more. Diaspora donations have fallen off considerably (and quite rightly so - for why give money to a country with a standard of living many other countries would be proud of?). Donations currently make up less than I percent of Israel's national budget.

Political support? That is no longer necessary for a country which has warm relations with most of the international community and a sizable proportion of the Arab

The Israel-Diaspora relationship must move on

Even the Israeli "immigration rebuke" directed at Western Jews has stopped because of the huge numbers of immigrants that have poured into Israel over the last few As these pivots have weakened,

so has a vacuum been created, one which is liable to increase the alienation between Israelis and Diaspora Jews. And as soon as Israelis, ever practical and often materialistic, realize that they no longer need Diaspora Jews, they are liable to distance themselves from them.

This will frustrate the Diaspora Jews, bringing about a counter-withdrawal and the loss of an important element in Diaspora Jewish identity, to say nothing of the dampening of other identity-strengthening factors like the exodus of Soviet Jewry and the memory of the Holocaust.

We need to get used to the fact that So anyone interested in halting the "Israel in distress" can no longer alienation that the reality of peace serve as a source of inspiration for will surely cause must now find Diaspora Jews, for one simple reanew, creative challenges to nourish son: Israel is rapidly ceasing to be a the Israel-Diaspora bond.

country in distress. WHEN I spoke at the congress I The author received the Israel suggested three new directions for Prize for literature last year.

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His wife, Carol, a Baptist, added: "Christians can help to make nudism wholesome, family-oriented fun."

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Buchanan, Forbes look to Arizona; Dole courts Bush

ATLANTA (AP) - With Republican presidential hopefuls making a final push to sway votes in Arizona. Par Buchanan defended his campaign and its supporters yesterday, saying they were not extremists. but

Bob Dole shrugged off a major staff shakeup, saying. I want to start winning," and used a speech at a suburban Atlanta business center to assail Bill Choson's for-

eign policy.

"President Clinton doesn't have the foggiest notion of how to deal with our enemies. Castro is not our friend." Dole said in Georgia Steve Forbes, hoping to repeat his primary in victory in Delaware on Saunday, focused on Arizona, where he said "I think we will

make an excellent showing."
However, Forbes said, "I'm not going to make any predictions. We are attracting more and more support as we speak. We'll just take it from there."

Dole, after playing the endorse-ment game with a pilgrimage in Arizona to the home of Republican patriarch Barry Goldwater and courting former President Bush, used the weekend downing of two civilian planes by Cuba to ridicule Clinton's foreign

"We need someone who will stand up to Castro, someone who will tighten the strings on Castro, someone to drive Castro out," he told a sparsely attended rally.

He was also asked about morale in his campaign in light of a major new staff shakeup that saw him fire his pollster and demote his chief strategist.

"It's 110 percent," he declared. "I think we need to make a few. changes. They have been made and we're moving on." He added, "I want to start winning."

Buchanan, in morning interviews, dismissed his Republican opponents, saying, "They sound like Bill Clinton."

On the heels of campaigning in conservative churches and at a gun show in Arizona over the weekend, Buchanan dismissed suggestions he is attracting extremists.

These are good Americans. They want to participate. All we're saying is open the door, we want to come in.

Arizona is the big prize among the three states holding primaries today, with 39 delegates up for grabs - the most so far in this year's primary schedule.

Races are also being held today

in North Dakota and South Dakota, followed by a "first-inthe South" contest in South Carolina on Saturday.

The primaries are to select delerates who will choose a presidential candidate at the Republican National Convention in San Diego in August.

Dole, the Senate majority leader, trying to overcome two straight loses in New Hampshire and Delaware, disclosed that he had talked to Bush soon after the New Hampshire vote.

Asked if he expected an endorsement, Dole said, "Well, it would be nice. I don't know. It's above my pay grade."

Dole said he told Bush: "As

soon as we get out of these states where Forbes has spent so heavily, I think we're all right. I just sort of gave him an update." Dole identified those states as lowa, New Hampshire, Arizona, South Dakota and South Carolina.

Georgia's primary, which the Dole campaign views as one of his better prospects in the South, is March 5. Dole was to visit a McDonnell Douglas plant in Macon and a veterans rally in Columbus later in the day.

Georgia might give Dole a better shot than South Carolina, where the Christian conservative movement has a stronger hold.

Major struggles to head off humiliation

LONDON (Reuter) - Prime Minister John Major's govern-ment fought yesterday to head off a humiliating parliamentary defeat by accepting stinging criticisms made by a senior judge about arms sales to Iraq before the Gulf War.

Trade Secretary Ian Lang announced to parliament a series of reforms aimed at allaying concerns of a handful of members of the ruling Conservative Party who have threatened to withhold their. support from Major, who has a majority of just two.

Mistakes were made. There are lessons to be learned." Lang said in a speech opening a debate on the report by senior judge Sir Richard Scott, released 10 days ago, which attacked the government's conduct in the 1980s.

Defeat in the vote late last night would not bring down Major's battered government, which after 17 years in office trails the Labor opposition in opinion polls by more than 20

percentage points. If he loses, Major would call a

vote of confidence today or tomorrow, which all parties expect him to survive.

But defeat, or a slim victory, would expose Major's fragile hold on power and fan speculation that he might have to hold the next general election well before the May 1997 deadline.

Lang told a noisy House of Commons (lower house) that the government accepted Scott's criticism about export controls and licensing procedures for arms sales and would consult widely on how to reform them.

The government also accepted the need to improve the distribution of intelligence material and would be willing to cooperate with a parliamentary committee examining the question of ministerial accountability.
But Lang stood firm in refusing

to acknowledge ministers had connived in the sale of arms-making equipment to Iraq or had tried to cover up evidence that may have led to three businessmen being wrongfully jailed.



Clinton orders retaliation against Cuba

WASHINGTON - The Clinton administration moved yesterday to punish Fidel Castro for the downing of two civilian US aircraft. pledging to impose "a price for outrageous

The president's broad response to Saturday's incident included measures to target Cuban aviation, including restrictions on US air travel to Cuba. said a senior administration official.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the sanction was part of a series of economic, diplomatic and political steps against Castro.

Clinton also was expected to demand reparations from Cuba for the families of the downed pilots, and was warming up to a bill in Congress to punish companies that do business with Cuba, the official said. The president was expected to drop his objections to the bill, with some qualifications.

Clinton was to unveil his plans at an appearance in the White House briefing room later in the day.

Press secretary Mike McCurry, briefing reporters before the president's announcement, said Clinton "approved a series of steps that the United States will pursue with the international community and unilaterally that we believe will make it clear that

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there's a price for outrageous behavior." Clinton's options were few. Military action was not under consideration, aides said, and the current economic embargo has few loopholes for Clinton to close.

Clinton made the decision after a 75minute meeting with his foreign policy team. They were considering tougher restrictions on travel, communications and some financial transactions that Clinton had eased last fall.

US Air Force F-16 fighters have been on precautionary alert in south Florida since Saturday, Defense Secretary William Perry said yesterday.

We are on alert." Perry told reporters at the Pentagon. "We have an alert status in southern Florida. But that is just a simple, routine precaution." He said US warplanes had not increased flights in the region.

Perry echoed criticism by other US officials against Cuba over the shooting down by a MiG-29 fighter jet of two small planes flown by Cuban exiles. He said they were in international waters and the Cuban pilot knew they were unarmed.

Cuba has admitted to downing the aircraft

but said they were within its airspace.

"We have from the beginning [since the incident] placed F-16s in southern Florida on alert, and they continue to be on alert. We have not been increasing air sorties," Perry said in response to questions from reporters at a briefing on another matter.

Perry said two US Navy guided-missile warships, the cruiser Mississippi and frigate John Hall, were also in waters between the United States and Cuba, helping the Coast Guard search for any survivors of the inci-

"As you know, no survivors have been found, and the commandant of the Coast Guard [Admiral Robert Kramek] will make the decision as to when to conclude this search," Perry said.

"The actions that the Cubans took was outrageous. There was no justification for it." he told reporters.

"It was not only that these airplanes were in international air space, and it was not only that they were civilian and unarmed aircraft, but the pilot who shot them down knew they were unarmed and knew they were civilian. There was no excuse for that

Moslems, **Croats** return to suburb, Serbs leave

SARAJEVO (Reuter) - Moslems and Croats began moving back into a Sarajevo suburb they fled four years ago and a Serb exodus continued yesterday, mocking the goal of a multi-ethnic Bosnia promised; by the Dayton plan.

ATO peacekeepers said plans for a huge convoy including Serb military trucks to help Serbs leave areas due to be transferred to Moslem-Croat rule had dissolved in chaos.

Panicky Serb civilians clamored. for places on the 20 Serb army trucks which turned up in one suburb, Ilijas, due to come under Bosnian government control on Thursday.

Bosnian Serbs had promised at least 200 vehicles would be involved in a convoy escorted by peacekeepers from the NATO-led Implementation Force (IFOR).

"(NATO) was ready to go...they were ready to escort vehicles but apparently the VRS (Bosnian Serb army) was not," said Major Thomas Moyer, a NATO spokesman in Sarajevo.

"It was total chaos and it showed a lack of leadership and organization on the side of the VRS to get things moving in the right direc-

Permission for the military evacuation was granted by the NATO commander in Bosnia, Admiral Leighton Smith, when it became clear that tens of thousands of Serbs in the five suburbs were desperate to flee but lacked transport. In the suburb of Vogosca, newly

transferred from Serb to Moslem-Croat control some of the few remaining Serbs were waiting on street corners for Serb army trucks to evacuate them as the first bus from Sarajevo to Vogosca in 46 months pulled up yesterday. It was carrying Moslems and Croats who fled Serb ethnic cleans-

ing in Vogosca nearly four years ago and were trickling back to reclaim their old homes. Among the returnees was 42-

year-old Suada Zulic, who stepped off and came face-to-face with a former Serb neighbor.

"Sweet sister, how's it going," said the Serb woman.

"My brother got killed, what can I tell you," Suada replied before hurrying away on foot. Krisi Janowski, spokesman for

the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), accused both Moslem-Croat Federation police and hardline Serb leaders of ! fanning panic in the five suburbs due to come under the control of the Moslem-Croat federation by March 20.

Shuttle Columbia loses satellite in space

HOUSTON (AP) - A half-ton metal satellite and its 19-km leash snaked through orbit yesterday free of shuttle Columbia after breaking loose without warning

and drifting into space. The electricity-generating exper-iment ended abruptly, five hours after it began, with an urgent message from astronaut Jeffrey

"The tether has broken at the boom! The tether has broken! It is going away from us!" he told Mission Control.

Ground controllers verified after a few anxious moments that the satellite and its 19.5 km of dangling cord, resembling a long, spiraling french fry, posed no danger to the seven astronauts.

Although relieved the crew was

safe, American and Italian researchers who had poured years into the tethered satellite system were crushed.

"There is intense disappointment," NASA mission scientist Nobie Stone said yesterday.

No evasive action was needed by the sbuttle pilots. The satellite and tether were more than 29 km away from Columbia within minutes

after the break and hundreds of

miles away within hours. The slender cord, one-tenth of an inch thick and resembling a boot lace, was supposed to be unreeled to a distance of 20.5 km. It was nearly to that point when the break occurred inside a 12-meter tower in the shuttle cargo bay.

If the cord had snapped higher up, the portion remaining attached to Columbia might have gone out of control and possibly even

wrapped around the shuttle. Astronauts later said the tether appeared frayed and stripped and noted that its nylon and Teflon outer coating looked to be charred and melted.

NASA refused to speculate on, what might have gone wrong but promised to find out.

Royals are on IRA hit list

heavy machine guns have replaced ceremonial, red-uniformed sentries on guard outside royal residences amid reports the queen and her family are IRA tar-

As government officials prepared to meet with the IRAallied Sinn Fein party for the first time since the end of the IRA cease-fire, London newspapers yesterday printed pictures of the weekend changing of the guard.

Sentries wearing traditional

LONDON (AP) - Soldiers with dress uniform, armed with bayonets, standing to attention in sentry boxes and much photographed by tourists are out.

In their place at Buckingham Palace and St. James' Palace in London and Windsor Castle 30 km west of the capital are watchful soldiers in camouflage fatigues with SA 80 machine

The Belfast meeting yesterday was the first time government and Sinn Fein have met face-to-face since the IRA broke its 17-month cease-fire with a truck bomb on

Feb. 9. The bomb in London's Docklands business district killed two people.

After the bombing, Britain and

Ireland barred senior officials from the two governments meeting with Sinn Fein but ruled that meetings between lower-ranking government officials and Sinn Fein could continue.

Deputy leader Martin McGuinness said the meeting, called at Sinn Fein's request, was to "examine how the (Northern Ireland) peace process can be

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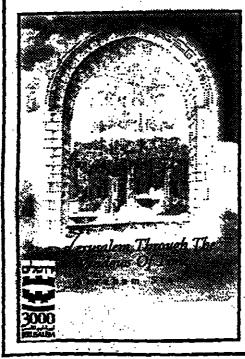
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THE CROSSING GUARD

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David Morse

HE Crossing Guard, actor Sean Penn's second attempt as writer-director, novelly mixes the mordant comedy of a would-be cult film with therapeutic kitsch. It's not much of a movie, though as failures go, it's moderately interesting. Periodic flashes - a scene here, a line there - indicate the full-bodied work it might have been, had Penn clarified his intentions.

Ostensibly an exploration of the radically different ways that people mourn, the picture stars Jack Nicholson as Freddy Gale, a

aution: Confusion ahead

paunchy jeweler with a tangle of gold chains at his throat and a horrific gleam in his eye.

Six years before the start of the film. Freddy's young daughter was killed by a drunk driver. Now, after an exceedingly rough half decade that included a divorce from his wife, Mary (Anjelica Huston), he's ready for private revenge. The driver has already served time for manslaughter, but Freddy plans to find him and put a bullet through his head.

Penn wastes no time before muddying the film's tone. (And editor Jay Cassidy lends a butcher's hand.) The opening credits alternate between flat, bright shots of the survivor's support group where Mary finds solace, and slowmotion whirls around the dimly lit topless bar where Freddy goes for

ADINA HOFFMAN

his comfort. The words "The Father" appear beside Nicholson's leer, and "The Mother" next to Huston's tearful gaze.

Soon we're introduced to John Booth (David Morse), the man who accidentally killed their daughter. He looks and holds himself more like a teddy bear than a hardened criminal: when he's released from prison, his parents (Piper Laurie and Richard Bradford) are waiting to

hug him and take him home. At this point, there's something almost clinical and casestudy-like in the way Penn handles the characters. And that's an attitude that will return in full prescriptive force before the movie's out. In the meantime,

there are in-jokes to be cracked, and sly little set-ups that must run their course.

The irony kicks in with the casting of Nicholson and Huston, former lovers, as a divorced husband and wife, and with the choice of ex-Band member Robbie Robertson to play Mary's new husband. It continues with Penn's decision to name the killer character John Booth. In the context of this basically ahistorical movie, the allusion to Abraham Lincoln's assassin is baffling.

More significantly, an undertow of dark wit tugs at many scenes. The star is Jack Nicholson, for goodness sake, not an actor known for his gently sensitive portrayals of men

racked by grief. Lids low, voice like motor oil poured across gravel, a sneer fixed on his lips. Nicholson's Freddy is a close cousin to most every other character he's ever played - in other words, a rather charming bastard.

The problem here isn't Nicholson, however, it's Penn. He can't decide what he wants to do with the actor's trademark bile. On the one hand, the direcfor seems perfectly willing to milk his star's presence for laughs and energy. To take just one example: The most quietly successful sequence in the film may well be the angry, silent walk Nicholson takes through downtown LA, as Bruce Springsteen's song "Missing" plays on the soundtrack. The actor is the master of contemptuous reaction, and all he needs to



Director Sean Penn doesn't seem to know how to best use his star, Jack Nicholson.

do to bring the scene to life is amble through the crowd and peevishly brush away the air around his face. It's as if oxygen

itself made him nauseous. But in the end. Penn has another agenda. Instead of the stylized character sketch the film appears to be at first, the director wants to fashion a moral allegory. (That must be the reason for the movie's nadir, the scene in which John Booth walks into a room, plunks himself down and demands to

know "What is guilt?") In order to pull off that tonal quick-switch, he must punish Freddy/Nicholson for the very same obnoxious attributes that have given the movie its spirit so far. He has to bring Freddy, literally, to his knees, and teach him a lesson about compassion and forgiveness. He needs, in other

words, to victimize Freddy before he can redeem him. Despite its pulpish premise and twisted sense of humor. The Crossing Guard grinds to a dead halt with the leveling, psychobabble affirmation that "we are all in pain." Maybe so, but this

Band 1s Oasis of sincerity

TIRZAH AGASSI

ASIS cleaned up at last week's Brit Awards, which is no surprise, as Oasis is cleaning up all over the globe. Best group and Best Album - for (What's The Story) Morning Glory? (NMC) - plus best video for "Wonderwall" are pleasant feathers in their caps. But surely the fact that Morning Glory has sold some five million copies worldwide is even more satisfying.

Brit Awards 96 (NMC), a collection of selected tracks by nomi-nees, opens with "Wonderwall." When one hears the megahit, fol-lowed immediately by "Park Life" from archrivals Blur, the why of Oasis's triumph clicks into place. it's true that the song has a memorable tune, a good beat and lyrics that make emotional sense, but above all one hears a penetrating human voice.

Someone is calling out into the night in a tone that, to quote their liner notes, is "a million miles away from fakery and a step away from your heart." It's a mating call, as basic as any tomcat's yowl, though rather more assimic and all over the global neighborhood ears are pricking up and pulses quickening in response. Instead of pussyfooting around and being clever and cynical about the human condition like Blur, Oasis spits out its energetic cry, earning the award that every Brit since the Beatles has coveted: America's

Top Ten crown. Swaggering front man Noel



'Wonderwall,' the group's megahit single from '(What's the Story) Morning Glory?,' avoids the emtional cynicism common to many of their fellow British bands.

obnoxious guys on the face of the planet, loudly putting down his younger brother/boadmate Liam and causing a politically incorrect scandal by wishing AIDS on rivals Blur, but when Oasis sing "Roll

With It," you do. Listening to the Brit selection back to back with the American Grammy Nominees (NMC), one is struck by the comparative lack of syrup in the "mother country's" offering. No Mariah Carey here,

weight in an unfocused, understated British However, tracks like Radiohead's "High and Dry," Edwyn Collins's "A Girl Like You" and Joan Armatrading's "Shapes and Sizes" attest to both craft and vigor. Meanwhile Coolio's brilliant Stevie Wonder update "Gangsta's Paradise." from the film Dangerous Minds is the big standout, having managed both a Grammy nomination and the glory of being the world's biggest

Korsantiya's rendition of

Prokofiev's Eighth Piano Sonata

revealed the musician's capacity

for introspective involvement, far

beyond harmony, melody, rhythm

and sound. He plunged into the

great pool of contrasts, from trag-

ic melancholy in the first move-

ment to an almost Schubertian

folk-song-like simplicity in the

second, and on to the frightening

frenzy of the last movement.

which ends the sonata with

Mann Auditorium, Tel Aviv,

MICHAEL Chance's coun-

tertenor, in the Authentica series,

flowered significantly in Purcell's

English, melodious pieces. His

luminosity and claritymade up for

Italian recitative by Monteverdi.

somewhat subduedopening

Benjamin Bar-Am

The current British pop revival may not be as influential as the invasion of the '60s, but there is still plenty of music strong enough to travel. Take That's radio friendly Best Single winner "Back For Good" has also managed to get a hearing in America. But oddly enough Seal, the other major British Grammy nominee, doesn't seem to have earned any special mention on his home turf this year. However, sophisticated trip hoppers Massive Attack, perhaps cur-

rently the island's most innovative and globally influential group, did earn the mini title of Best British Dance Act. This odd understatement is matched by the gesture of honoring Michael Jackson with a special "Artist of a Generation" award. Go figure!

Unfortunately the album Brit Awards 96 manages to miss many of the genuine highlights of the event. Thus, for example, instead of tracks from solid family folks Annie Lennox or Paul Weller, who

awards, we get a song by Garbage called "Queer." So anyone looking for one album which captures Britain's spirit of the moment would do best to invest in (What's The Story) Morning Glory? It won't give them the wide range of Albion's current musical ferment. but its mix of freshness plus sure fire guitar-dominated tradition is representative of a resilience that has the Brits firmly back in the cre-

Netanya, March 6; and Tel Aviv.

March 11.1

won best female and male vocalist

Cabaret act buzzes with high energy

movie offers little relief.

DORA SOWDEN

the Suzanne Dellal Center in Tel Aviv (February 24) the Bumer Dance Company, directed by Nadina Burner, presented three works. Only one was choreographed by Bumer herself, but all three had a similar style.

The company was obviously well trained in these modern methods, styles which can best be described as cabaret with a high nightclub drive, involving a blend of high kicks, syncopated steps and fast spins set to music. - most of which sounded like hits from the pop charts.

In short, this was dance that pleased the eye but didn't much bother the mind.

The first piece - The Pursuit of Freedom - had more than a dozen teens filling the state with their energy and agility, showing their youthful suppleness and their dedleation to this form of activity. The two following works were danced by 11 maturer women accompanied by a man who had plenty of lifting to do, which he managed to do smoothly. The way the choreography was arranged allowed everyone to have a few seconds of solo, but did little to correct the sameness of matter and manner.

ONLY four people appeared to take their bows at the end of their show called KLIPA (made up of letters) from their names) - at ZOA House in Tel Aviv (January 30) but it was easy to have imagined them as a cast of 10, judging from the speed of prop and costume changes.

In more than a dozen sketches. they had appeared as clowns and actors, builders and dancers. As props, the artist among them had devised statues (one head under a glass in water). Two men "built" a "house" and a guitarist climbed to the top. There was a flamethrower, a juggler, a woman with a long trailing dress, and much more

selling single in 1995. ative saddle. Gallagher may be one of the most though there is plenty that is light-Gary Bertini gives a French

HOSE who stayed away from the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra performance of Berlioz's little-known La Damnation de Faust missed one of the highlights of the sea-

The orchestra, under the baton of Gary Bertini, and the Cluj Philharmonic Choir, directed by Cornel Groza, performed faultlessly. But what really made the two hours such a wonderful experience was Bertini's interpretation. Bertini, who studied in Paris, seems to have remmed to the love of his youth, French music. This love was evident in every bar of the monumental work. His interpretation was both lyrical and romantic.

He had three outstanding singers at his disposal; tenor David Kuebler, who hit high notes with remarkable strength; bassbaritone Franz Grundheber, who combined a thunderous voice with a devilish countenance; and mezzo Beatrice Uria Mozon, who proved both noble and seductive. New immigrant bass Denis Sedov added a small but important and perfectly executed part. Mann Auditorium, Tel Aviv.

February 22. Benjamin Bar-Am

IF EVER there has been an opera performance here that offered everything that should not be done in a modern production, it was this revival performance of

Visually, it was as per last year, but two changes proved fatal. Conductor Edward Downes and director Susy Attendoli numed Verdi's work into a static, fossilized sequence of "pictures," like unrelated images hanging at an exhibition. There was no tension and absolutely no drama either on stage or in the pit. Acting was reduced to the most worn-out conventional operatic gestures including the unforgivable frontal presentations of ensembles.

Among the singers only two deserved unqualified praise. choral passages were excellent.

Benjamin Bar-Am

ALEXANDER Korsantiya, the winner of last year's Rubinstein Competition, proved his merit again in this recital.

CONCERT ROUNDUP

item, a rather rarely heard Haydn sonata (F major Hob. XVI/23) cast another spell. The sonata also provided the key to understanding Korsantiya's approach: stylistic authenticity nursed by a wonderful inner capability to allow the composer to speak his own language.
In six Chopin pieces, five mazurkas and the first scherzo, the interpretationswere full of originality, character and insight.

Baritone Giancarlo Pasquetto as Nabucco and soprano Barbara De Maio as Abigaille. A considerable disappointment was bass Paata Burchuladze as Zaccaria the high priest, whose irritating tremolo and lack of authoritative musical presentation gravely affected the whole performance. But the

Tel Aviv Performing Arts Censer, February 20.

The opening work, a Bach Chorale, established an atmosphere of heavenly peace. The next

Well-calculated and skillfully shaped dramatic expression placed subtle yet noticeable accents and built up forcefully

convincing climaxes. The real gems of the program were songs by Dowland, Campion and Purcell.

As Chance would have it, beyond displaying a voice of rare natural sensuous beauty in these. he also created a finesse of dynamics that ranged from a barely audible pianissimo to a richly resounding yet soft and rounded

And he demonstrated some dazzling virtuoso skill in Monteverdi's Quel sguardo. Purcell's Evening Hymn concluded the program with a beatific Hallelujah, followed by an encore of some comic relief in the best of Purcell's typically English humor. Harpsichordist Maggie Cole collaborated with utmost sensitivity,

and presented herself as an outstanding artist in her own right in a Purcell suite and a Galuppi sonata. Jerusalem Theater. February

Ury Eppstein

FOUR of the Beersheba Sinfonietta's choice artists joined forces in a chamber-music program of works by Brahms and Rachmaninoff, sponsored by an emerging Russian cultural week-Concertmaster Yaron Prensky

found poetry and drama in Brahms's Violin Sonata. op. 108. While cellist Moshe Milner sought the fairy-tale quality in Rachmaninoff's Cello Sonata, op.

19. Clarinetist Yevgeny Yehudin joined in a clean and flowing Brahms Trio for piano, clarinet and cello, op. 114. The lion's share of the evening fell to pianist Raimonda Sheinfeld, who presented the densely textured late Romantic piano writing in all the works with clarity and authority. Beersheba Conservatory.

February 24. Max Stern

FIDDLER on the Roof found a warm and loving cast who put heart and soul into this year's Light Opera of the Negev production.

The sets, costumes and lighting recall Chagall. The attractive staging of the large cast - nearly 60 people on stage - brought the texture of Shalom Aleichem's shtetl to life. The acting, singing and dancing were convincing. while the reduced orchestra, supplemented by strings, synthesizer and playback, added a contemporary touch.

Contributions by Laizer Blitt (Tevye) and June Mare (Golda), and the direction by Helen Elesari and musical direction by newcomer Michael Leinwald were noteworthy.

Heichal Hatarbut, Beersheba. February 22. (Performances for Jerusalem. 28: Kfar Sava, scheduled February February 29: Haifa, March 3:

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It's neither the time nor the place for this satire A DOG'S TESTAMENT

Shimon Coben Simba Barbiro Aliza Rozen Rassam Znamot, Tuvia Gelber

N its time (1958) and place (Brazil), this cynical I satire on the Roman Catholic Church must have been, if not diverting, devastating. In today's Jerusalem, with its religious-political problems, nei-

ther place nor time nor theme are right. This show was probably intended primarily as super samba entertainment, but with poor casting, indifferent dancing, and spurious carnival spirit, it fails to fill that slot, either. The added offense to the sensibilities of Jerusalem's Catholic population

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makes the choice of play entirely regrettable. While ribald irreverence and blatant blasphemy will hardly turn on Jewish audiences, it will, to say the least, turn off Catholics. (A Prologue contriving to tie the theme to Jewish Jerusalem pushed things beyond credibility). It left me, for one, uncomfortable and even embarrassed at the social insensitivity exhibited.

crashing chords.

February 21.

The play in itself is impressive. Embroidered with exotic ethnic elements and colorful characters, if properly directed and played appropriately it might have had a certain charm. But despite the energy invested, nothing was as hilarious as hoped. With their roles fartified, feebly mannered and still more feebly costumed, local actors struggled to move to samba rhythms in a woeful substitute for the real

If any authenticity did emerge, it was in lesser roles such as Simha Barbiro's Chico and Avinoam Mor-Haim's caricature of the Major. A real gem was Aliza Rozen's Maria, reminiscent of this actress's past brilliance in the TV satire Nikui Rosh. Naomi Doudni

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March interest rates remain unchanged

Jerusalem Post Staff

restraint.

THE Bank of Israel's interest rates for March will remain unchanged, with the key short-term lending rate at 14% as it was throughout February, the central bank announced yesterday.

Citing indications that the growth of the money supply in previous months was proportionate to the economy's overall expansion, and in line with the government's declared inflation target, the bank said it saw no reason to tighten its monetary

However, the broad economic picture still necessitates monetary restraint, as indicated recently by accelerated growth in industrial production and the retail sector's advance.

activity, it said. Referring to critics who believe monetary expansion and a devalued shekel could help narrow the current account deficit, the bank said the deficit reflected increased

demand, which in turn warranted

Concerning fiscal policy, the bank, in a communique, reiterated Governor Jacob Frenkel's view that the government must meet its own budget deficit target, 2.5% of GDP, to address the deficit prob-

In Tel Aviv's capital markets, there was little response to the Bank of Israel's decision, which many traders had forecast in

Finance C'tee OKs Discount Bank sale

EVELYN GORDON

THE Knesset Finance Committee yesterday approved the sale of 14%-16% of Israel Discount Bank by a vote of 1-0, with chairman Gedalya Gal (Labor) the only MK in the room.

The only objection to the offering came from workers' representatives, who were unhappy with the decision that the shares they are allowed to buy will be deposited with a trustee not of their own choosing for four years, and will not give them voting rights. They also wanted retired employees to be able to participate in the offering. Gal rejected their complaints, however.

Some 10% of the offering will be set aside for employees of Discount and its fully-owned subsidiaries, who will be able to purchase the shares at a 25% dis-

count.

At the minimum price set by the Treasury, the Issue is expected to raise NIS 395 million-NIS 435m.

immediately. This represents 43%-48% of the total income expected from the offering: the remainder will be raised when the

options are exercised in two

A prospectus for the offering is to be published by the end of the month. At around the same time, the Treasury will begin making purchase offers to institutional investors both in Israel and abroad, with the goal of getting advance orders for about 60% of the total offering. In particular, shares will be offered to institutional investors in England. France, Switzerland, and Italy.

The negotiations with foreign institutions will be handled by the US firm Lehman Brothers and the French Societe Generale. The Israeli offering will be handled by a consortium of 30-50 underwriters, led by Clal Issuers, IBI, Leader Issues, and Eval

Tzur suggests subsidies for vegetable growers

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

VEGETABLE growers will receive subsidies of NIS 25 million, Agriculture Minister Ya'acov Tzur proposed yesterday as part of a plan to compensate tomato and cucumber growers for losses resulting from the penetration of Palestinian produce.

Tzur sent a letter to Prime Minister Shimon Peres and Finance Minister Avraham Shohat, proposing vegetable growers receive a compensation of NIS 8m. for the drop in tomato and cucumber prices in 1995 and another NIS 17m. for 1996. The distribution will be by previous production volume.

In addition, the ministry proposes to stop helping farmers remove surplus tomatoes and cucumbers which costs the government NIS 3m.-NIS 4m. a year.

Tzur expects the proposed measures will lower production and reduce the gap between supply

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"Instead of removing surpluses. as we have done in the past, and maintaining a price which does not drop below 80% of production costs, the Ministry of Agriculture will let prices fall," he said. "Farmers will receive direct compensation, which will supplement the market price. As a result, surpluses will be sold on the local market, leading to a drop in

Tzur said the proposed plan will help veteran farmers at the expense of Palestinian farmers and new farmers, like kibbutzim and moshavim which started to grow large quantities of tomatoes and cucumbers last year.

His plan was prepared in cooperation with the Vegetable Growers Organization, following a meeting on the subject with Peres and Shohat last week, after hundreds of farmers protested the sale of Palestinian vegetables

Lehman Bros. bullish on Scitex

DESPITE annual net losses of \$34.5 million and quarterly net losses of \$15.9m., Lehman Brothers still regards Scitex as a solid value, analysts with the investment bank said yesterday.

"Given the massive restructuring efforts undertaken in 1995 we believe investors were already discounting the fourth quarter performance and have their eyes firmly fixed on 1996," Lehman Brothers said in a report by analysts Theodor Kundtz and Jim Ricchiuti. The pre-press market has undergone considerable change in recent

vears. While workstations represented 23 percent of Scitex hardware revenues in 1994, they were only 12% of revenues in 1995.

On the other hand, 1995 sales of Image Setters were 33%, compared

to 28% in 1994. Color ink jet printers were 19% of 1995 sales, compared to 12% in 1994. High-speed black and white digital printing systems were 13%, compared to 10% the year before. Video products were 11% of sales, up from 5%.

Scitex Digital Printing and Scitex Digital Video, each with its own sep-

Banks set to strike on Friday

THE unions at the large commercial banks, except United Mizrahi's, have reached an understanding with management regarding the shift to a five-day work week as of this weekend, but a delay in the Anti-Trust Court's approval is expected to force the

workers to strike on Friday.
Zion Shema, secretary of the
Histadrut bank workers division. yesterday said all of the banks will be closed this Friday, even if the agreement to move to a five-day week is authorized.

Some of the banks have requested that Anti-Trust Authority head [Yoram Turbovitz] approve their agreement, but they have not yet received his

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

approval. In any case, we have called a work dispute for Friday. Even if the agreement is reached, bank workers will not come to

work Friday," said Shema.

Bank Hapoalim and First
International Bank already have an agreement to close Fridays. while Discount is very close to reaching an agreement. Bank Leumi has decided to close

Bank Leumi union head Louis Roth said the workers prefer to close Sundays but, if all the banks strike Friday, they will not break

the strike. Mizrahi workers and manage-

ment are expected to negotiate an agreement next week. A source at the bank said workers and management are in conflict over work hours and cut backs.

The source said management is demanding that an additional four hours be added to the work week to compensate for closing on Friday, while the workers are demanding to continue working the same number of hours, in line with the rest of the banks. In addition, the union opposes management's recent decision to fire 11 of its Central Branch workers in the framework of its efficiency

Mizrahi's spokesman could not be reached for comment.



Mobil Corporation settled a decades-old dispute with Israel yesterday that dated back to the Six Day War. During the war, its installations in the Sinai were damaged and taken over. Mobil VP on (right) accepts Finance Minister Avraham Shohat's \$3.5 million comp

First Interntional Bank profits unchanged from '94

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

and RACHEL NEIMAN

bringing the total of number of its

stations to 151. In 1994, Granite's

earnings were higher due to a NIS

12m. tax benefit resulting from a

provision in the income tax law.

Granite has not yet received the

full benefit on real estate sector

investments or for operating sta-

tions. In 1994, the company insti-

tuted a new policy of operating its

own stations instead of leasing

A total 2.3m. tons of fuel were

sold in 1995 as compared with

The Granite Hacarmel group includes subsidiaries Sonol,

SuperGaz, Volcan Batteries,

Granite Hacarmel Properties and

Development, Sprint Motors and

Granite is owned by shareholders Mashav (54%) which is

owned jointly by Koor and Clal,

and Ampal American-Israel

The first Subway fastfood

restaurant opens today at the

porate clients) had risen 9.3%.

from 13.8%.

THREE of First International Bank's subsidiaries have reported a rise in earnings.

First International Mortgage Bank completed 1995 with a net profit of NIS 22.1 million, almost unchanged from the previous year. The net return on equity was 8.8% compared with 9.6% in

Key factors which influenced the results included a small drop in financing profits before provisions for doubtful debts, to NIS 61,26m. from NIS 62,16m. in 1994. Provisions for doubtful debts decreased 6.5% to NIS 7m. In the reported period, commission income increased 14.5% to

NIS 20.3m. Mortgage Atzmaut Development Bank, a subsidiary of First International Mortgage Bank, reported a net profit of NIS 10.6m. in 1995, up 2.3% compared with the previous year. The net return on equity fell 10.3% from 11.2% in 1994.

Bank Poalei Agudat Israel reported a 34% growth in net profits to NIS 9.2m. compared with NIS 7m. in the year before. The net return on equity was 15.9% compared with 13.7% in

 Granite Hacarmel Investments' 1995 net profits dropped 15 percent to NIS 46.22 million from NIS 54.6m. Annual revenues were NIS 2.44 billion from NIS

also expanded its facilities in both Israel and Canada.

The company has submitted eight Abbreviated New Drug Applications (ANDAs) for dermatological products and two ANDAs for central nervous system products. Serafon Resinous and

Chemical Products report 1995 net profits of NIS 1m., compared to net losses of NIS 139,630 in 1994. Annual revenues were NIS 51.87m, from NIS 40.5m, the previous year. In December 1995, the compa-

ny experienced NIS 630,000 in capital gains on the sale of durable goods. Serafon estimates it holds 30%

1.79m. in 1994. The company said sales (excluding those to corof the local polymers, glues and sealants market. The company is An increase in sales to corporate owned primarily by Tambour clients accounted for a decline in Paints. gross profit margins to 13.4%

Shemen Industries announced annual net profits of NIS 4.22m. from NIS 88,000 in 1994. Revenues decreased to NIS 264.5m. from NIS 328m. Earnings per share were NIS 7.14 from NIS 0.15.

In 1994, the company experienced a NIS 8.3m. one-time charge on severance payments to workers.

Fourth quarter 1995 net profits were NIS 1m. from net losses of NIS 2.87m. in the same period in 1994. Quarterly revenues were NIS 60.8m. from NIS 69.9m.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Lucky Goldstar has awarded exclusive distribution rights in Israel to Electra Consumer Goods. In recent years, the Korean concern has gained a worldwide reputation for product reliability and affordability. Electra also holds import rights to Miester, Philips, Whirlpool and Miele.

Rockel Neiman

Electronic mail developer Comtouch has completed a \$2.25m. private placement to investors including the Israel Growth Fund, Gemini, Emet Michshuv and Hoshen Amot. Comtouch was originally invested in by Evergreen.

Tambour has signed a seven-year transfer of know-bow agreement with Advance Paints of India for industrial and boat paints. Tambour has received a \$100,000 advance and will also receive royalties on sales. The company is presently in negotiations with a house paint manufacturer located in Southern India. Tambour has similar agreements or is conducting negotiations for such agreements with manufacturers in Switzerland, Greece, Poland, China and Mexico. Rachel Neunan

WORLD BRIEFS

Croat railwaymen cut pay bid but warn of big strike: Striking Croatian railway workers yesterday lowered their demand for a pay rise to 60 percent from 100 percent, but they threatened a wider walkout unless last-ditch talks with the government were

About 16,000 railway workers went on strike last Thursday in a display of anger at a plunge in the standard of living caused by war-induced inflation after 1991 followed by a government austerity program.

Romania raises minimum capital for bank license: The National Bank of Romania (BNR) has raised minimum capital requirements to win a bank license to 25 billion lei (\$8.74 million) from 12 billion, central bank norms published in the country's official gazette showed yesterday.

All operational commercial banks must increase their capital to the 25 billion lei level by the end of 1998.

The BNR said commercial banks awarded a provisional license

before mid-January must have a paid-up capital of minimum 6.0 billion lei to get a final license.

Estonian central bank says its banks are safe: The banking system of the Baltic state of Estonia is safe and stable and can avoid the problems that have hit southern neighbors Latvia and Lithuania, the Bank of Estonia, the country's central bank, said

"It seems that our banks are quite stable," Bank of Estonia deputy governor Heldur Meerits told the Reuters news agency The northernmost of the three Baltic states, Estonia has built itself a reputation for monetary conservatism and stability that is

the envy of the region.

Since quitting the former Soviet Union in 1991, it has outstripped its fellow former Soviet regulatics and is expected to be one of the fastest-growing eastern fantages a countries.

Gal wants changes in electricity bill

EVELYN GORDON

ISBAEL MONEY MARKETS

THE supervisory authority established by the government's electricity bill should be independent. rather than appointed by the government. Knesset Finance. Committee chairman Gedalya Gal

(Labor) said yesterday. The bill, which is now being discussed by a joint Knesset committee chaired by Gal, would establish a public authority to supervise the Israel Electric Corporation and other electricity suppliers. According to the government's version, the authority would be funded out of the Energy Ministry's budget, and its head would be appointed by the finance and energy ministers.

The bill also states that the head of the authority will have the power to approve electricity rates, after consulting with an advisory council.

Gal's proposal is that instead, the authority's director should be appointed by a public commission, so that he will be independent. In addition, he proposed, the authority should not be funded by the Energy Ministry, but should have its own budget, approved by the Finance Committee. Finally, he suggested, the advisory committee should have the power to veto rate increases, rather than merely advising the director of the authority.

The Treasury, the Energy Ministry, and the Electric Corp. all opposed Gal's suggestion. As long as electricity is a state-run enterprise, the government argued it should be responsive to government policy, and it is therefore logical for the authority's director to be appointed by the government.

Gai's chance of passing these changes seems good, however, given that since the onset of primary season, almost no other MKs have bothered attending committee sessions. Meretz supports the change. However, it is not yet clear whether the Liknd will also back the proposal.

These are cosmetic changes said Silvan Shalom (Likud). "The entire bill needs to be scrapped. All these changes don't change the essence of the bill, which is the continuation of [IEC's]

Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (22.2.96) Sonal station in Kfar Yona. This Gibor Sport reports annual net profits of NIS 6.25m. from NIS 2.14b. in 1994. Earnings per share were NIS 0.38 from NIS 0.45. marks marks the begining of a cooperative venture between the The holding company said it invested NIS 76.8m. in fixed assets of which NIS 51.3m. were two compnies. 1.87m. in 1994. Revenues were Taro Pharmaceutical NIS 40.8m. from NIS 43.69m. "Ink jet printing products now represent the single biggest component of the company's hardware sales," Lehman Bros. said. Industries yesterday reported 1995 net profits of \$2 million. Earnings per share were NIS 0.50 from NIS 0.15. invested by Sonol in upgrading Scitex has divided the company into three groups: Graphic Arts, Shakel Foreign Exchange Rates* (26.2.96) down from \$3.375m. in 1994. Export sales were NIS 33.7m. gas stations and service. Sonol opened five new stations in 1995 from NIS 33.6m. Sales to the Annual revenues were \$49.58m. local market were NIS 6.8m. from from \$42.12m. Earnings per share fell to \$0.19 from \$0.34, NIS 10m. in 1994. The company Want to keep Fourth quarter net profits were said exposure to exports was the \$124,000 from \$1.1m. Quarterly reason for the fall in local sales. The Jewish Agency for Israel in close touch: Prentin Herica Jepenese yen (100) Dutch florin Swedish Icrons Norwegian Icrons Danish Icrons Firmish mark Camadian dolor revenues were \$12.47m. from Dead Sea Periclase reported a \$13.12m. Earnings per share were 5% drop in 1995 net profits of with your NIS 18.475m. from NIS 19.5m. in \$0.01 from \$0.11. Effective February 29, 1996, the Jewish Agency's Annual research and developsecurities 1994. Consolidated net profits Information Center for New Immigrants ment costs increased to \$6.49m. were NIS 151m. from NIS 140m. till 11 PM? will operate at new premises at 6 Rehov Esther from \$4.4m. Selling and adminis-Earnings per share were NIS 1.56 trative costs rose to \$16.88m. from NIS 1.66. Hamalka, Tel Aviv. from \$13.79m. Quarterly net profits were NIS 1.39m. from NIS 1.5m. Quarterly The new phone numbers: Included in annual results were \$1.1m. in one-time charges, asso-03-5274327 revenues were NIS 11.6m. from ciated with operations in Israel. NIS 10.6m. 03-5274330 The decrease in quarterly net Magnesium production declined 03-5274357 profits were due to sharply higher to 67,160 tons from 71,890 tons, On February 27 & 28, the Information Center will be expenses in preparation for US primarily due to a two-week strike DIAL 03-5129111 FROM 8 AM TO 11 PM. Food and Drug Administration inspections. The company has closed, because of the transfer to the new address. at subsidiary Rotem Amfert

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"THERE'S no change in monetary policy and interest rate, said Eran Goren, managing di-

rector at Zannex Securities Ltd. "Everybody's waiting for the next market mover, and that's the results." The central bank left the rate at

which it lends to banks unchanged at 14 percent. Most analysts expected no change. The money supply rose a lower-thanexpected 1.1 percent in January from December. The most active issue was Nice

Systems Ltd., a Tel Aviv maker of voice recording and retrieval systems, which was up 5 percent on NIS 5.25 million of shares traded. It had traded up as much as 6 percent. The company's American Depository receipts traded in New York, each representing one share traded here, touched a lifetime high Friday of 14% and closed at 14. They were down 1/4 yesterday at 131/4. The company went public in January selling two million shares at 10.

The two-sided Index was at 201.01, up 0.16 percent, preliminary figures show. The Maof Index was at 218.54, up 0.07

A total of NIS 81.4 million of shares traded on the Tel Aviv Stock exchange. Advancing shares outpaced decliners about 3

"We've been meeting with managements," and indications are results will be "in line with expectations", Goren said, adding that "the overall picture for

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earnings is positive." Goren is watching, for example, for results from two major publicly quoted insurance companies here, the Migdal unit of Africa Israel Investments Ltd. and the Clal group's Clal Insurance

There's been a "car-theft epidemic" here, Goren said. "Clal is more susceptible because it is more involved" in that sort of insurance while Migdal concentrates on life policies.

IDB Holdings, which has financial-services interests, was up percent.

Koor Industries Ltd., Israel's largest company, eased 0.75 percent. The company's ADR's were off 1/2 yesterday at 19%.

Koor subsidiary Tadiran Ltd., with interests in consumer appliances, telecommunications and defense contracting, finished 0.25 percent ahead. Its shares traded in New York were off 1/2 at 241/2.

Elco Holdings rose 1.5 percent. "We recommend the stock at 95 shekels," Goren said. "Now it's 135, and we think there's still mileage in it because the management is superb."

Israel Corp., "after a long spell of boring sentiment toward it" may be "gaining some momentum," Goren said. Israel Corp gained I percent while Israel Chemicals closed unchanged.

Bezeq added 0.75 percent. The state-controlled phone company is due to report results today.

FTSE falls 36 points

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuter) - Political worries dominated a thin Monday session with shares closing sharply lower as the market held its breath ahead of a crucial parliament vote tonight. The FISE 100 index closed down 36.1

FRANKFURT - German shares end bourse trade mostly lower, dragged down by weaker Bunds. Dealers say no clear trend in evidence. Debt market volatility likely to dictate share direction in short-term. Volumes relatively low. DAX index seen struggling to reach 2,450 level again. The 30-share DAX index ended down 9.44 points at 2,442.34. In postbourse trade the DAX index stood at 2,438.73.

PARIS - French shares tracked weaker Wall Street stocks and bond prices to end lower, one trader said the bourse's CAC-40 index could drift back to as low as 1,925-1,930 points for a consolidation before resuming an upward trend. The CAC-40-index closed down 15.96 points or 0.81 percent to 1,960.93.

ZURICH - Swiss shares ended a volatile session virtually unchanged after gaining support late in the day from the firming tendency in the dollar and a recovery in Swiss government bond futures, but prices stayed below their intra-day highs. The Allshare SPI index rose 0.78 points to end at 2,144.72.

TOKYO - Tokyo stocks broke a seven-day losing streak and ended moderately up on Monday. But overall, trade was quiet as investors remained on the sidelines because of the approach of the month-end and uncertainty about Japan's scheme to wind up its debt-laden mortgage firms. The 225-share Nikkei average ended up 179.89 points, or 0.89 percent, at 20,480.27.

HONG KONG - Hong Kong stocks closed Monday 1.58 percent lower pressured by a nosedive by futures and last minute jitters ahead of HSBC's results announcement. The blue-chip Hang Seng Index plunged 179.99 points to end at 11,210.42.

SYDNEY - The Australian share market crawled just higher by the close on Monday after a day of slow trading with no positive leads to ignite investor interest ahead of the national poll on March 2. The All Ordinaries index closed 1.9 points higher at 2,266.1.

JOHANNESBURG - South African shares closed moderately better on Monday, with golds leading the way on talk of a recovery in the bullion price and industrials finding support from a cushion of buying support at lower levels. The All-share index ended up 19.5 points at 6,787.0, the Industrial index made 1.6 points to 8,394.9 and the Gold index rose 20.6 points to 1,766.9.

Stocks close down 65 points

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks slid lower yesterday as interest rates rose on bonds and investors grew leery of what surprises might emerge from a slew of new economic reports this week.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks lost 65.39 points to close at 5,565.10, following records set on Thursday and Friday.

A barrage of new economic readings is scheduled for release this week. Reports are expected today on consumer confidence, January retail sales and producer prices. Later in the week, there will be figures on foreign trade, business inventories, consumer prices and existing home sales.

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Younis seals Pakistan win

LAHORE, Pakistan (Reuter) -Waqar Younis, back to his menacing best, bowled Pakistan to its second World Cup victory in the space of three days yesterday.

Younis, who was named manof-the-match, took four for 26 as Pakistan restricted Netherlands to 145 for seven from their 50 overs in the Group B

In other action, The Zimbabwe-Kenya match in Patna, India was rained out. The game was rescheduled for today.

Pakistani Saeed Anwar then scored an unbeaten 83 as the defending champions reached their target with eight wickets and 19.2 overs to spare.

Younis removed Peter Cantrell (17) and Tim de Leede (0) in the space of three balls before he was rested with Netherlands reeling at 29 for three.

The Dutch side then staged something of a rally with Klaas Noortwijk (33) and 43-year-old Flavian Oponso taking the total to 102 before Noortwijk skied Aqib Javed to Mustaq Ahmed in the

Left-hander Oponso top-scored with 58, including a six and three fours, before Younis knocked out his leg stump with his inswinging yorker.

Younis took his final wicket when he bowled acting captain Roland Lefebvre for 10, confirming he was back to his best after an indifferent tour of Australia and New Zealand.

Younis was the pick of an impressive Pakistani attack in which no bowler conceded more than three runs an over.

Waqar has finally got into his rhythm which is a good sign for us in our next matches," said captain Wasim Akram.

Akram himself went wicketless. finishing with none for 30, but he could have finished with three or four victims after beating the bat repeatedly.

Aqib Javed backed up the frontline bowlers well, capturing two for 25 from nine overs, and the fielding, often Pakistan's weak point, was sharp and sure.

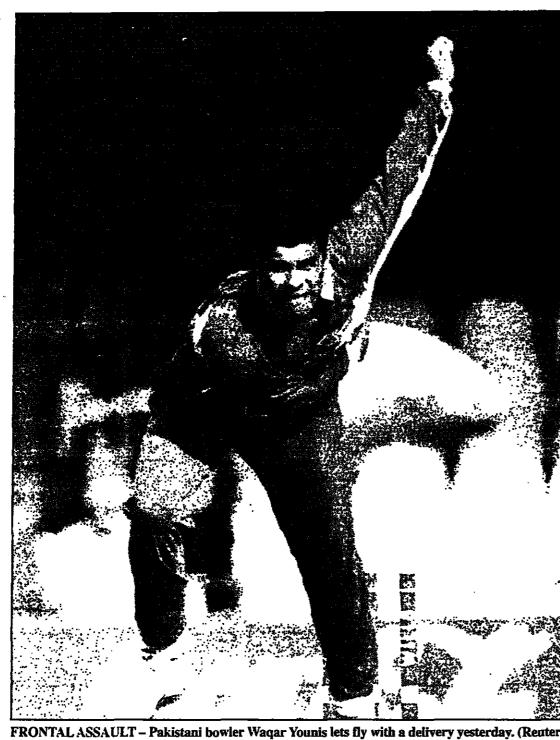
The Pakistanis did, though, concede six no-balls, effectively giving the Netherlands an extra over.

Pakistan overcame the early loss of Aamir Sohail (9), who fell in the fifth over to Lefebvre, and Anwar and Ijaz Ahmed put their team on the road to victory with a 94-run second wicket partnership from 123 balls.

Ijaz was caught in the deep by Lefebvre off Cantrell for 39. which included two fours and a

Then Anwar brought up his eighth 50 in 84 one-day internationals with his sixth boundary after batting for 90 minutes and 75

halls. He finished the match with his third six, lofting Erik Gouka over long-on. Inzaman-ul-Haq was unbeaten on 18, which included a six, from 14 balls.



FRONTAL ASSAULT - Pakistani bowler Waqar Younis lets fly with a delivery yesterday. (Reuter)

Zimbabwe-Kenya Kenya was deprived of a good chance of a surprise win when rain washed out their Group A match

Zimbabwe was struggling at 45 for three after 15.5 overs when first

bad light and then a heavy storm caused play to be abandoned.

Desperate mopping up operations were not helped when a helicopter, called in to assist in the drying, blew away the covers, scattering water over the pitch.

It was also a huge disappointment for the people of this city. The day had been declared a public holiday and a capacity 32,000 crowd packed the Moinul Haq stadium for only the second cricket international to be staged here.

Atherton apologizes

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) - Pakistan's sports writers received an apology yesterday from England cricket captain Mike Atherton after he called a local sports reporter a "buffoon."

"At vesterday's press conference after the match against South Africa I am sorry if I caused offense to a local journalist, and local journalists, during questions," Atherton said in an apology released by England's assistant manager John Barclay.

The Rawalpindi-Islamabad Sports Journalists Association, which had demanded the explanation, accepted Atherton's apology. The offending comment was made at a news conference following England's staggering 78-run defeat

in Sunday's World Cup cricket match against South Africa in neighboring Rawalpindi. "Can someone get this buffoon out of here". asked Atherton after an Urdu-language newspaper reporter kept asking him whether he was disappointed with his teams batting performance and whether he had any ideas of how to improve it.

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Kentucky back on top

Massachusetts for the Minutemen's entire nine-week run at No. 1. They were the overwhelming choice of the national media panel to replace the Minutemen,

who lost their first game of the season Saturday.

All but two of the 66 first-place votes went to Kentucky, which has won 23 straight, and the Wildcats had 1,648 points. Massachusetts (26-1), the only team to beat Kentucky, got the other two No. 1 votes and 1,563 points.

The Minutemen's first loss was to George Washington (18-5) and it got the Colonials into the rankings for the first time since midway through the 1993-94 season.

Massachusetts was far from alone as a ranked team that lost last week. Fifteen Top 25 teams lost a total of 16 games from Monday through Sunday with Boston College, the team George Washington replaced in the rankings, losing twice.

Kansas, the only other school to be ranked No. 1 this season, moved from fifth to third this week and was followed by Connecticut, Purdue, Villanova, Cincinnati, Georgetown, Texas Tech and Utah.

Arizona led the Second Ten and was followed by Penn State, Wake Forest, Memphis, Syracuse,

NEW YORK (AP) - Kentucky, the presenson choice at No. 1, is back on top.

The Wildcats (24-1) had been second to The last five ranked teams were Louisville. Wisconsin-Green Bay, Iowa State, George

Washington and Stanford. Boston College (16-8) was ranked 20th, its highest perch in seven weeks in the poll. The Eagles lost to West Virginia and Georgetown last week.

Memphis and Georgia Tech tied for the week's biggest jump at five places.
The Tigers (20-5) won three games last week, the last a 57-54 victory over Louisville. The Yellow

Jackets (18-10) won both its games last week and took over first place in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

The biggest drop was Virginia Tech's fall from 12th to 16th after splitting two games in Philadelphia, a close win over La Salle and a 16-point loss to

Temple. Kentucky was No. 1 in the preseason poll and held the top spot for the two polls of the regular season. When Massachusetts beat the Wildcats in the Great Eight, Kansas moved in and held on to No. I for three weeks until losing to Temple in the Jimmy V Classic. Massachusetts moved in and held it until this week, the longest run at No. 1 since Duke was there for the entire 1991-92 season.

Maccabi out in the cold

European Championship quarter-finals start next week, once again without the

presence of Maccabi Tel Aviv. For the fourth season in a row. the blue-and-yellow failed to make it past the final pool (in the 1994 season the team didn't even make that stage).

This matches the longest streak (1983-1986) of not advancing past the final pool since Maccabi won its first European title in

Although some might find solace in the fact that three straight trips to the European finals (and five seasons out of six advancing past the final pool) fol-lowed the last such drought, this time around the prospects do not look as bright.

This European campaign can be neatly divided into two parts - a good start and the disaster that marked the rest of the season. After six games, Maccabi held a

4-2 record. Even though they needed some good fortune against Pau-Orthez and Cibona Zagreb, the team did manage to win its first four home games, extending its European winning streak at Yad Eliahu to 10 straight.

True, Maccabi was blown out in road losses to both Real Madrid and Buckler Bologna, but this was no great shame since even the alltime great Maccabi teams had trouble winning in Spain and

But staring with a defeat to Panathinaikos in Greece, Maccabi fell into a sad pattern of faltering near the end of most every game.

The team went 2-6 the rest of the season, with a win at Cibona Zagreb the only impressive performance (the victory over lastplace Benfica Lisbon was expect-

And it's not as if Maccabi caught these teams on great hot streaks. Panathinaikos lost four of the six games it had sandwiched between its two victories over

Orthez had lost three of its previous four European games before defeating Maccabi, and Bologna's record was only 2-8 if its two victories over both Maccabi and last-

place Benfica are taken away. Several key players had a noticeable dive in production the second half of the season.

Doron Jamchee averaged 14.1 points in the first half and only 11.6 in the second, reflected by a sharp drop in three-point accuracy from 38.5 percent (15-39) to only 23.1% (6-26) from the previous

His performance, traced over the past several seasons, shows a disturbing downward level of production, having fallen from averages of 22.1 points on 46.1% accuracy from three-point range in 1992 to 17.2 points a game on 38.5% from behind the arc last

BRIAN FREEMAN

year to this season's 12.9 average

on 32.3% from three-point range. Nadav Henefeld plunged from a 10.3 scoring average in the first half to only 5.0 in the second, as his number of shots fell dramatically from almost seven a game to only four. And his defensive performance, although still the best on the team, was not as effective

as it has been in previous seasons. Motti Daniel had his worst season in Europe. He was unable to provide the spark off the bench the way he had done so brilliantly in the past, scoring only 5.5 points a game after averaging 11.7 over the previous four European campaigns. His three-point shooting, which in past seasons was at 52.5% overall (21-40), plunged this season to 25.0% (4-16).

His effectiveness dropped so much that in the last four crucial games he played only 12.5 minutes a game after averaging 20 minutes a contest before that and 25 minutes a game in previous European seasons.

Tom Chambers actually had good numbers for the last nine games (18.9 points on 57.5% shooting from the field) after averaging only 6.5 points on 20.0% shooting in his first four contests (he missed the opening game). But he was far from the dominating factor and influence that Maccabi had hoped for when signing the former NBA star.

In fact, it was the inability anyone to consistently come up with the big plays down the stretch that did Maccabi in.

Against Panathinaikos Greece, Maccabi knotted the score at 58-58 with 2:10 remaining but then turned the ball over and failed to convert on any shots until it was too late and lost 67-62.

The following game at Pau-Orthez, Maccabi cut the lead to 53-51 midway through the second half and had a golden opportunity to exploit the fact that both Orthez foreigners went down with injury.

Instead, the French domestic players rose to the challenge, burying Maccabi in a 37-15 run

the rest of the way to win 90-66. Maccabi then brought the problem home with them, losing its first game at Yad Eliahu after blowing a seven-point lead to Real Madrid with only 4:40 left and then wasting a 13-point advantage against Bologna. In between those defeats,

holding a one-point lead with eight mimutes remaining and then failing to get any clutch plays after cutting the Spaniards' advantage to 77-74 with 2:05 left.

Maccabi lost at Barcelona after

In all those losses, the other teams did what Maccabi was unable to do consistently - play tough defense, work together as a team and execute plays at key moments. The ultimate disappointment

came in the last game of the sea-son. Maccabi led 72-69 with only 4:30 on the clock. At that point, the Israelis' hopes for a quarterfinal benth were still miraculously But Maccabi did themselves in,

allowing the visiting team to once again take control of the game. while the home team failed to come up with the big plays. Brad Leaf was one of the few bright spots during the season. His

inspired play was practically the only reminder - other than the oldtimers game at Mickey Berkowitz's farewell - of the spirit that once was synonymous with the club.

He also had an uncanny knack for drawing a foul and making the shot, which with his 90.1% freethrow shooting was an almost cer-

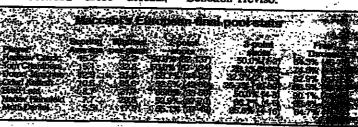
tain three-point play.

Although Oded Katash had some bright spots and showed great promise filling in for the injured Guy Goodes, he made many costly mistakes at key - sistently fulfill the main point guard task of finding the open man and creating scoring opportu-

nities for others. His shooting average plunged from 47.6% (30-63) in the first half to 39.3% (22-56), and his three-point shot virtually disappeared the second half of the season, falling from an already low 30.4% (7-23) to a dismal 18.8% (3-16) the last seven games.

Unless Maccabi realizes that a consistently good defensive effort is what wins most games, the club will continue to disappoint and fail to live up to the tradition that made it one of Europe's most successful and feared teams from 1977-1992.

In the meantime, this season's best two-of-three quarter-finals, starting on March 7, will feature Barcelona against Ulker Istanbul, Real Madrid against Olympiakos. CSKA Moscow against Pau-Orthez and Panathinaikos against Beneuon Treviso.



'Refrigerator' next 'Yankee Doodle Dandy'

LONDON (AP) - William "The Refrigerator" Perry is making a come-back with the London Monarchs of the World League. Perry, the super-heavyweight defensive tackle who made a sensation with the Chicago Bears 10 years ago, signed yesterday to play for the

Monarchs in the six-team European league. Perry became a household name in his rookie season with the Bears in 1985. Used as a running back in goal-line situations, he scored three touchdowns, including one in the Bears' Super Bowl victory. Perry joined the Philadelphia Eagles in 1993 after being claimed off waivers from the Bears. He played two years with Philadelphia, then sat

out the 1995 season. The Monarchs listed Perry's weight at 350 pounds (158 kgs).
The Monarchs' head coach is Bobby Hammond, who was an assistant

at Philadelphia when Perry played for the Eagles. Hammond said he plans to use Perry both on offense and defense. "I'm intrigued by all the possibilities," he said. Perry is the second former NFL star to join the Monarchs. Last week,

the club acquired former All-Pro running back Gaston Green. The Monarchs open the 1996 season at home against the Scottish Claymores on April 14.

Berger: No plans for comeback

VIENNA (Reuter) - Former meter champion said. "In July I'll turn 35. What else is there to European indoor sprint champion Andreas Berger said yesterday be was unlikely to make a comeback Berger was banned from comdespite a Vienna court ruling to petition in 1993 after testing posilift a four-year ban against him for doping,
"I think it's more likely I won't

return to competition sports," the

former Austrian 100and 200-

tive for anabolic steroids: But the Vienna provincial court ruled on Friday that the ban was excessively long and violated Austrian law.

Gretzky trade to St. Louis close

NEW YORK (Reuter) - The Los Angeles Kings and St Louis Blues reportedly have agreed on a trade that would send superstar Wayne Gretzky to St Louis for three players and a first-round draft pick.

The deal was scheduled to be announced today and the Blues are expecting to have "the Great One" in uniform for Thursday's game against the Vancouver Canucks.

In return for the PHL's all-time leading scores, the Kines reportedly, would receive con-ters Patrice Tardif and Roman Vopat, left wing Craig Johnson and St Louis first round pick in the 1997 draft. Tardif is 25 Vopat is 19 and Johnson will turn 24 next month.

The deal, if completed, would end a month of rumors that had the 35-year-old Greezly going to the Blues, then to the New. York Rangers, Toronto Maple Leafs or Detroit Red Wings.

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The Kibbutz Chamber Orchestra plays tonight at the Henry Crown Symphony Hall in Jerusalem (8:30).

Music director Doron Solomon leads his orchestra in De Falla's El Amor Brujo and Rodsigo's Concierto d'Aronjuez with guitarist Yaron Hasson. After the intermission Ricardo Hagman takes the podium and leads the orchestra and his own Cantus Choir in Ramirez's Missa Criolla

DANCE

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performs Gigi Caciuleanu's so far no pipers have been spotted amid the rigging. Comedia, a work focusing on the traveling entertainer in Molière's

time and danced to the music of Lully tonight at the company's Tel Aviv theater. Also on the program is Nils Christe's enchanting Luminescence danced to music by Poulenc, and Ania Brud's intriguing Head of the Shoe performed to a score by Dead Can Dance. (8:30).

TELEVISION

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TEXAS wildcatters used to be a kind of folk archetype - rough, ready and larger than life. Now that the macho glamour of Lone Star State oilmen has faded as a marketable fantasy, along come North Sea drillers to fill the gap. In the series Roughnecks, which takes place on a rig off the Scottish coast, the laddies are gruff but goodhearted.

And, this being the '90s, some of the lassies are allowed to be much more than the women who wait. At its worst, Roughnecks is a cliché-filled workplace soap opera. At its best, it's an engaging tribute to comradeship under trying conditions. Roughnecks is scheduled to air at 10:35 p.m. on

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THE Bat-Dor Dance Company. The TV series 'Roughnecks' may be Scottish to the core, but

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*** BLUE IN THE FACE - Billed as a companion piece to last year's Smoke, this new film by Wayne Wang and Paul Auster is more of a footnote to the original. It's a breezy compendium of improvised schmooze sessions, all-star cameos, and comic man-on-the-street surveys, designed to flesh out the supporting cast of the first movie and to honor, as one interviewee puts it, "the hippest of all the boroughs," Brooklyn. What results, not surprisingly, is a decidedly mixed bag: a patchy work that gets away with a great deal of silliness - even shoddiness - by dint of its gusto and playful atmosphere.

On the one hand, we're treated to the amazing Lou Reed, philosophizing amazingly and straight into the camera about the perils of life in Sweden, his forgotten childhood and why he continues to smoke. On the other hand, certain sketches just never get off the ground. They seem thin and, too often, indulgent. With Harvey Keitel, Lily Tomlin, Madonna, Roseanne, Jim Jarmusch, Michael J. Fox and others. (English dialogue, Hebrew subti-

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Concert 9:05 Telemann: Suite in D for trumpet and orch; Mozart: A Musical Joke K522; Beethoven: Piano trio op_1/2; Mahler: Symphony no 4; Elgar: Enigma Variations 12:00 Light Classical – Mozart: Eine kleine Nachtmusik; Alessandro Rolla: Concertino in E flat for viola and strings; R. Strauss: Burlesque in D 13:00 Violinist Fabio Biondi - 20thcentury works 14:06 Encore 15:00 From the Recording Studio - Oded Pintus (oboe), Eli Hefetz (clarinet), Mauricio Paez (bassoon) and, friends. Beethoven: Variations on theme from Mozart's Don Giovarini for oboe, clarinet and bassoon; Hindernith: Kleine Kammermusik for flute, oboe, clarinet, horn and bassoon; Mozart: Quintet in E flat forpiano and strings K452 (Zak., Ritzkovsky, Rechtman); Joplin: 3 Ragtime pieces for flute, clarinet, horn and bassoon (Mentzer, Rimon, Ben) 16:00 My Concert – with Nehama Hendel 18:00 New CDs – Bruckner: Symphony no 5 (Vienna PO/Abbado) 20:05 From the World's Concert Halls - European Broadcasting Union 1995 season. Netherlands Radio Chamber Orch. Milhaud: Apotheosis of Moliere; Poulenc: Sinfonietta 22:00A Musicai Journey

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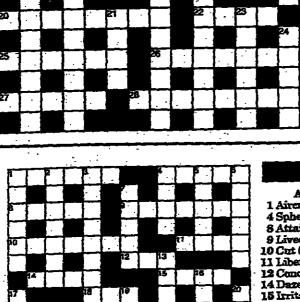
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Compromise reached on surrogacy bill

Law doesn't allow carrying a baby to make money

THE Knesset Labor and Social Affairs Committee yesterday approved a compromise bill to legalize surrogate motherhood. The bill will not completely please either the religious community or would-be parents who had taken their case to the High Court of Justice.

On March 6, the High Court's extension of existing regulations barring surrogate motherhood arrangements will expire. Health Minister Ephraim Sneh expressed satisfaction with the compromise, adding that it would be brought for second and third reading next week.

Prof. Joseph Schenkar, a member of the Aloni Commission on Surrogacy whose minority opinion formed the basis of the compromise, said the bill "is restrictive, and will probably allow no more than 10 such births a year."

Those who petitioned the High Court have said they would prefer no law at all, so that the number of potential surrogate mothers would not be too small to make surrogacy impossible.

According to the compromise, the commissioning father must be the supplier of the sperm that fertilizes the ovum; the egg must come either from the commissioning mother or from a donor who is not the surrogate mother. Therefore, the baby can be produced only by in-vitro

Another section of the bill de-

clares that the surrogate mother must be unmarried - unless an approval committee agrees "in special cases" to allow a married women. Religious lobbyists had insisted that the sperm be supplied only by the commissioning father, but they also opposed allowing a married woman to serve as surrogate mother.

Other changes made in the original bill would allow the surrogate mother to change her mind and ask to keep the baby; this request would be decided upon in court. Schenkar said the bill will

make Israel's surrogacy law "unique in the world," as it bars commercialization (carrying the baby to make money; only the surrogate's expenses and lost time will be covered). In addition, the import of surrogates will be prohibited, as the women who bear the child must be an Israeli resident and of the same religion as the commissioning mother; if all the parties involved are not Jewish, the seven-member surrogacy committee would have the authority to make an exception.

Surrogacy arrangements, according to the bill, will be supervised by a committee comprised of two gynecologists/obstetricians; one internal-medicine specialist; a clinical psychologist; a social worker; a public representative who is a lawyer; and a clergyman (of the same religion as the parties involved).



Tamar David, a soldier wounded in Sunday's suicide bomb attack in Ashkelon, gets a helping hand from her commanding officer.

Haggai Amir, Adani deny they conspired to murder

PRIME minister Yitzhak Rabin's assassin; Yigal Amir, his brother, Haggai, and Dror Adani denied charges of conspiracy to murder in Tel Aviv District Court

Adani, through his lawyer Zion Amir, also denied plotting to kill Palestinians. However he pleaded guilty to passing on an Uzi submachine gun to Yigal Amir, but said he gave it to him for safekeeping only.

Zion Amir also demanded that Adani be transferred from Shata prison to a lock up in the central district, arguing that his incarcerRAINE MARCUS

meeting his client very difficult. He said he would refuse to represent him if police and Prisons Service authorities did not transfer him to a nearer prison.

Haggai Amir pleaded guilty to possessing weapons and manufacturing ammunition. Shortly after the assassination, a large cache of ammunition and explosives was found at the family's Herzliva home.

His lawyer, Moshe Meroz, said that Haggai Amir only learned of his brother's plans to kill Rabin after the assassination. Meroz

en by his client to police and the GSS were made under "extreme pressure." He was subjected to sleep deprivation and kept in a meter-square cell, with his hands bound. Under these conditions, said Meroz, he broke down and confessed to crimes he did not commit. The trial will continue on April 17.

Meanwhile Yigal Amir's lawyer, Shmuel Fleishman, has petitioned the Tel Aviv District Court to allow him to again summon 10 prosecution witnesses who testified against his client before he began representing him.

2 soldiers lightly hurt in zone

DAVID RUDGE

TWO soldiers were lightly wounded in a Hizbullah attack on IDF troops in the Beaufort Castle area in the eastern sector of the security zone yesterday morning

The army spokesman said IDF troops on operational duties in the area came under fire from mortars and light weapons during the course of which one soldier was lightly hurt and another very lightly wounded.

The wounded soldiers were treated in the-field before being evacuated to Safed's Rebecca Sieff hospital where they were both reported to be in satisfactory condition.

Hizbullah claimed responsibility for the operation saying, in a statement, that its Islamic Resistance fighters had attacked a tank-led patrol near the Beaufort Castle and also shelled an IDF position in the same area. IDF gunners blasted suspected Hizbullah positions and infiltration trails north of the zone in response to the attack.

Meanwhile, news agencies reported yesterday that a Lebanese man who reputedly worked for Israel's intelligence services had himself been snatched from the security zone by Lebanese agents aided by two defectors from the ranks of the South Lebanese Army security apparatus.

The reports were based on a story in the As-Safir Lebanese daily newspaper which quoted security sources as saying that Ahmed Hallak had been spirited out of the zone in the boot of a car after his whiskey had been

Hallak was accused of the Beirut car bomb blast in December 1994 in which three people were killed, including Fuad Moughniyyeh, brother of a leading Hiz-

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Forecast: Partly cloudy. Local rain in

AROUND THE WORLD

Winning cards

In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the nine of spades, king of hearts, seven of diamonds and nine of clubs.

Arabist: 'Jews, Moslems on collision course'

GREER FAY CASHMAN

JEWS and Moslems are on "a collision course until doomsday' due to cultural and historical differences, according to a professor of Islamic history at the Hebrew University.

As regards Jerusalem, for instance, "It's two great cultures which are in conflict with each other," Prof. Moshe Sharon told delegates to the Third Zionist Christian Congress yesterday. While there is not a single reference to Jerusalem in the Koran. Sharon noted. Jerusalem and other "divinely holy" places such as Hebron and Bethlehem have become holy to the Moslems through the Islamization of

history and geography. Jewish and Christian traditions remained in places conquered by or ceded to the Moslems, and these were subsequently absorbed by them, said Sharon, citing as as example the Dome of the Rock which was not initially built to serve as a mosque, but to commemorate the Temple of Sol-

But there was a need to connect Jerusalem to the founder of Islam, and this gave birth to the legend of Mohammed's night journey on a winged steed from Mecca to Jerusalem via Mount Sinai, Hebron and Bethlehem. All these sites were resanctified Islamically.

Another quake rocks Eilat

DAVID RUDGE

ANOTHER strong earthquake rocked Eilat yesterday morning for the second time in less than a week. It was felt in the Tel Aviv region and as far north as Safed.

Experts said the quake, at 9:15, was slightly stronger than the one in the same area last Wednesday and was even closer this time to the southern coastal

last Wednesday.

State told to explain why Ethiopian activist is sitting on Navon panel

EVELYN GORDON

THE High Court of Justice yesterday gave the state 14 days to explain why Addisu Messala, who heads the Unified Ethiopian be allowed to sit on the Navon Commission investigating the destruction of Ethiopian blood

Justices Eliezer Goldberg, Eliahu Mazza and Ya'akov Kedmi also ordered the state to explain why Prime Minister Shimon Peres appointed the commission, given that blood donations fall into Health Minister Ephraim Sneh's area of authority.

The show-cause orders were issued in response to a petition by Dr. Amnon Ben-David, Magen David Adom's director of blood services. Ben-David's lawver. Uzi Azmon, argued that Messala - who has repeatedly been quoted by the press as saying he holds Ben-David responsible for the affair and is determined to get him fired - has no business on a

committee whose job is to carry out an impartial investigation

into who was responsible.

that he had made such statements, but insisted that he would listen with an open mind to any state added that Messala was only one of seven members, and that his status as head of his organization made him a logical choice for the commission. Azmon also argued that only

Messala confirmed to the court

Such had the authority to appoint such a commission, since blood donations fall into his bailiwick. The state, in response, argued that this was not a narrow health issue, but a subject with many broad public implications, and therefore an appropriate matter for prime ministerial involvement. However, the court issued show-cause orders on both issues.

The court rejected Ben-David's other two requests, however: that the commission be replaced with a state commission of inquiry, and that Sneh be ordered to stop threatening MDA with funding cuts if it does not suspend Ben-David. The latter charge is already being heard by a labor

Panel on Yemenite children to rule soon on genetic profiling

EVELYN GORDON

THE commission of inquiry into the missing Yemenite children will decide shortly whether to order genetic profiles made of all parents who claim their children were stolen, the state told the High Court of Justice vesterday.

The court was hearing a petition demanding that genetic profiles be taken of both the parents and the skeletons which allegedly belong to the missing children, and then compared.

Justices Eliezer Goldberg, Eliahu Mazza and Ya'acov Kedmi rejected the petition, saying the petitioners had no business going to court before the

would decide shortly on whether to make genetic profiles of the parents in any case, since many of them are elderly, and may not have much time. However, the state added, a decision on whether to make such profiles of the skeletons will take longer to reach. The petition was filed by Yigal Yosef, head of the Public Committee for Finding the Missing Yemenite Children, and MKs Aviedor Kahalani (Labor), Aryth Gamliel (Shas) and Tzahi Hanegbi (Likud).

commission had decided on the

issue. However, the state an-

nounced that the commission

No injuries or damage were reported in Eilat, although the tremor shook hotels and homes and especially the upper floors of high rise buildings. The quake was also felt in Cairo, and in parts of Sinai. Dr. Gady Shamir, from the Seismology Division of the Geophysical Institute, said the quake measured 5.5 on the Richter scale, compared to 5.4

Early elections bill passes on 2nd and 3rd reading

THE Knesset yesterday passed the bill calling for early elections to be held May 29 on second and third readings.

Discussions on a series of bills

LIAT COLLINS

were held shortly after the Kneson Sunday's attacks in Jerusalem on technical electoral decisions and Ashkelon. Voting on some of

the bills was postponed because of the absence of MKs from the "Knesset, as some of the clauses set plenum finished its discussion require a majority of 61 MKs to pass, and there was less than that number of MKs in the House.



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